

PRESS RELEASE

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Summer 2017 Programming Season

The Hilliard Museum prepares for a staycation summer celebrating Lafayette's French heritage.



Lafayette, LA, May 3, 2017- The Hilliard University Art Museum is pleased to announce its summer season of programs that bring together cultural organizations, individuals, and businesses from Lafayette in honor of our area's French heritage. As a part of the celebration around the exhibition of *Pierre Bonnard: Landscapes of Le Cannet*, the museum is encouraging Louisiana residents to "perfect the art of staying put" by curating weekend packages that highlight Lafayette's joie de vivre.

Summer Staycation on Second Saturdays!

Community partners have joined the museum in celebration of our French heritage to create three weekends filled with experiencing art exhibitions and bilingual activities for you to enjoy, fluency in French not required! Activities are available June 9-11, July 7-9, and August 11-13.

Friday

- Attend the museum's opening reception for the summer season on June 9 with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks courtesy of Bon Temps Grill and Republic National Distributing Company.
- In July and August, buy a ticket to the museum's Bordeaux, Brie, et Bonnard event to enjoy wine, cheese, and pastry pairings alongside a private viewing of the Pierre Bonnard exhibition with museum staff.

Saturday

- Enjoy a festive morning filled with music, dancing, and good food at Café des Amis' Zydeco Brunch in Breaux Bridge. June & July's location for brunch will be at Buck & Johnny's, August's will return to Café des Amis' original location.
- For a calmer start to your day, come to the museum for yoga. Classes will be available in French and English.
- For your afternoon, head on over to Vermillionville's historic village for a bilingual guided tour at 1 PM then catch the end of their weekly Cajun jam session. Call 337-233-4077 for more information.
- Take a scenic drive down to Arnaudville for a bilingual tour of LA31's brew house, call 337-290-5244 for more information.

-For the evening, explore Downtown Lafayette for the monthly Art Walk which showcases local artists and their work!

Sunday

-Enjoy Sunday brunch at some of Lafayette's unique eateries: The French Press, Saint Street Inn, or Social Southern Table & Bar.

-Before you head home, check out Vermilionville's weekly Bal du Dimanche. And on August 13, you can experience the annual Acadian Culture Day at Vermilionville which will conclude our city's summer celebration of our French heritage!

Program Descriptions

Summer Season Opening Reception

Friday, June 9

6-8 PM

4-6 PM Member Preview

Join us in celebration of three new exhibitions. Drinks and light refreshments generously provided by Bon Temps Grill and Republic National Distributing. This event is free to attend.

Bordeaux, Brie, et Bonnard

Friday, July 7

Friday, August 11

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Experience the senses of the French Riviera with an evening of fine wine, cheese, and pastry pairings alongside a private viewing of the exclusive exhibition *Pierre Bonnard: Landscapes from Le Cannet* with LouAnne Greenwald, Director of the Hilliard Museum. Tickets must be purchased for this event, space is limited. Contact lauren.fitts@louisiana.edu for more information.

Yoga in the Galleries

Saturday, June 10

Saturday, July 8

Saturday, August 12

En Français à 10h – 11h

English from 11 AM – 12 PM

Yoga in the Galleries will be offered in French and in English during the summer season led by RYT-200 certified instructors. Please bring your own yoga mat and arrive 10 minutes before class is scheduled to begin. While the event is free to attend, we ask that you give the instructors a suggested donation of \$10-\$20

French Language Hour

Every Wednesday, June 7 – August 9

10 AM – 11 AM

Come to the museum for a French hour every Wednesday morning this summer. Guests are encouraged to come and enjoy a conversation in French as you surround yourself with Bonnard's inspiring French landscapes. Agnes Cappello, a French language instructor, will be in the galleries from June 7 – July 19. David Cheramie, current CEO of Bayou Vermilion District and former Director of CODOFIL, will be in the galleries from July 26 – August 9.

French Cooking Class

Thursday, July 20

6-8 PM

Take a four course French cooking classes with wine pairings at The Kitchenary in the Oil Center. Tickets must be purchased for this event, space is limited. Call 337-264-1037 to book your spot today.

Toddler Time

Wednesday, June 7

Wednesday, July 5

Wednesday, August 2

10 AM – 11 AM

Parents and their children will enjoy story time led by a certified kindergarten teacher and participate in a hands-on art project. At each Toddler Time this summer, children will learn basic French vocabulary through our word of the day activity! Guests are welcome to explore the museum with our family-friendly gallery guide after the program. This event is free to attend thanks to the generous support of Quest Pediatrics Dentistry.

Play Day: The Art of Recycling

Saturday, July 15

10 AM – 2 PM

Join us for our summer Play Day as we explore the art of recycling through art projects, games, and more! Amie Rogers will act as the museum's artist-in-residence this summer and lead a hands-on activity using found and recycled objects. Learn more about how you can take care of our Earth and beautiful landscapes through creative projects and fun games. Come and show us how you play! Community organizations and partners will be available at this event so you can learn more about how Lafayette is going green. This event is free to attend thanks to the generous support of Quest Pediatrics Dentistry.

Upon request, high-resolution images and artist biographies are available. Interviews may also be arranged.

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Current Exhibitions at the Hilliard University Art Museum

May 27 – August 12, 2017. *Pierre Bonnard: Landscapes from Le Cannet*, guest curated by Véronique Serrano, director of the Musée Bonnard

February 3 – August 12, 2017. *Spiritual Journeys: Homemade Art from the Becky and Wyatt Collins Collection*, guest curated by Gus Kopriva

May 23 – September 16, 2017. *CONTINGENT: drawing and sculpture by Joan Tanner*, guest curated by Julien Robson

May 19 – December 9, 2017. *Spotlight on Francis Pavy*, organized by the Hilliard University Art Museum

Museum Hours, Admission & General Information

The Hilliard University Art Museum is located at 710 East Saint Mary Boulevard, on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Museum Hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; closed Sunday and Monday. General Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (62+), \$3 Students (5-17). FREE for Members, UL Students/Staff/Faculty with identification, and visitors under 5. Guided tours of the galleries are

available Friday & Saturday at 2 PM, complimentary with admission. For general information, please visit hilliardmuseum.org or call (337) 482-2278.

About the Hilliard Museum

The Hilliard University Art Museum operates on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and was originally founded in 1964 as the Art Center for Southwest Louisiana. Featuring a state-of-the-art modern facility that was erected in 2004, the museum houses more than 2,200 objects in its permanent collection, and is the largest art exhibition space between New Orleans and Houston. The Hilliard serves a wide range of educational and cultural needs by fostering cross-disciplinary intellectual discourse on campus, and throughout the region. At the core of the Hilliard's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit the art of our time, while celebrating the great diversity of Louisiana's heritage.

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