

PRESS RELEASE

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Hilliard Museum to Host Free Family Day

Join us for a special evening Play Day event on Saturday, February 23 as we celebrate all things that glow!



Lafayette, LA - The Hilliard University Art Museum invites the community to explore the galleries, participate in hands-on art projects, and more while celebrating all things that glow in the dark in this special evening Play Day event!

Families will investigate the science of how things glow with the UL Chemistry Club or imagine themselves on the big screen with interactive animation. Spend some time creating a unique light, color, and art display at the Tattooed Walls station hosted by Festival International. Hear a bedtime story from local children's author Peter Lagarde and enjoy art and gallery activities. Stop by before you head out to the parades- you won't want to miss the fantastic opportunity to play into the night!

Everyone is encouraged to contribute to our book and art supply drive with Project H.O.P.E. by bringing your donations to Play Day.

The Hilliard University Art Museum is proud to partner with Project H.O.P.E., The Family Tree, Festival International, the Alexandria Museum of Art, Animation Faculty and Students from UL Lafayette College of the Arts, UL Chemistry Club, and the UL Louisiana Art Education Association Student Organization.

Play Day: Neon Nights will be taking place at the Hilliard University Art Museum on Saturday, February 23 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM. The Play Day programming offers free admission to the community three times a year as a part of the museum's education initiative.

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. For general information, please visit hilliardmuseum.org or call (337) 482-2278.

Current Exhibitions

January 18, 2019 – August 24, 2019. *Gisela Colon: Pods*

February 8, 2019 – April 27, 2019. *Daniel Canogar: Echo*

February 8, 2019 – May 18, 2019. *Slavery, The Prison Industrial Complex: Photographs by Keith Calhoun*. Organized by the Frist Museum, Nashville, TN.

August 10, 2018 – March 2, 2019. *Spotlight on Allan Jones*.

December 21, 2018 – March 15, 2019. *Shadows on the Teche: Plein Air*

November 9, 2018 – May 4, 2019. *Spotlight on the Collection: Henry Botkin*.

About the Hilliard

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.