

PRESS RELEASE

Hilliard University Art Museum
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Hilliard Museum to Host Free Family Day

Join us for a summer celebration on Saturday, July 21st and beat the heat!



Lafayette, LA - The Hilliard University Art Museum invites the community to explore the galleries, participate in hands-on art projects, and more while celebrating summer at our Play Day event. Learn more about keeping cool in the summer heat through games and activities inspired by the exhibitions currently on display at the museum.

As you explore *A. Hays Town and the Architectural Image of Louisiana*, and spend time in the Hilliard's own Hays Town building, you can discover how architects use design to keep buildings and people cool during some of the hottest summer days. Then head to *Spotlight on Francis Pavy* where visitors can play I Spy with wetland animals featured in his piece *Lake Arthur Lotus*. While you're upstairs, stop in and enjoy Marina Zurkow's *Mesocosm (Wink, TX)*, and see how many animals you can find while you watch the film. Thermometers will be located in and around the gallery spaces all day to help track the heat, and discover which areas of the museum stay the coolest (and which areas really heat up!) When you're ready to create your own work of art, head to the museum's makers space and illustrate a book with artist and author Paul Schexnayder, and design a summer hat. Finally, learn more about how cool summer reading can be with the Lafayette Public Library.

Carpe Diem will be here to keep everyone cool with a sweet treat. While you are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and chairs to relax on the museum's great lawn, we ask that you please leave your ice chests at home.

This event is presented in partnership with the Lafayette Public Library.

Play Day offers free admission to the community three times a year as a part of the museum's education initiative.

Schedule of Events:

- 10:00-2:00 (all day) Gallery Games & Hands-on Art Activities
- 10:30-11:00 Story Time
- 11:30-12:00 Sing-Along Activity in the gallery space
- 12:30 Percussion Circle
- 2:00 Play Day officially ends but the galleries will stay open until 5 PM

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.

Current Exhibitions

A. Hays Town and the Architectural Image of Louisiana

June 15, 2018 – December 29, 2018

Salvador Dalí's Stairway to Heaven

June 8, 2018 – January 18, 2019

Marina Zurkow: Mesocosm (Wink, TX)

May 19, 2018 – August 15, 2018

Spotlight on Francis Pavy

May 19, 2017 – July 28, 2018

Your Town: A History of Culture and Community

June 1, 2018 – September 1, 2018

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.