



AAMD CELEBRATES ROLE OF ART MUSEUMS IN EDUCATION WITH PUBLICATION OF COMPILATION OF INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS DURING ART MUSEUM DAY ON MAY 18

New York, NY, April 28, 2014—The Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) today released a resource, *Next Practices in Art Museum Education*, which compiles information on AAMD member museums' innovative approaches to engaging the public with the arts through diverse learning opportunities. AAMD members will further celebrate the importance of art museum education on Sunday, May 18, during the fifth annual Art Museum Day.

“At their core, museums are educational institutions that play a unique role in complementing and extending their regions' educational resources for children, students, and adults,” said Chris Anagnos, Executive Director of AAMD. “With the publication of *Next Practices*, AAMD presents case studies of innovative education programs developed by our members as a resource for the field, educators, civic leaders, and the public. This Art Museum Day, AAMD encourages everyone to discover the wide variety of programs available at your local art museum.”

AAMD's *Next Practices* incorporates 100 case studies of the recent and ongoing educational programming that its member museums have designed and implemented. The resource underscores the many forms art museum education can take, and provides practical and inspiring ideas for future programming at institutions worldwide. The case studies include programs that range from: a collaboration between an art museum and elementary school teachers to develop a website to bring more art into the classroom; to a curriculum to engage Pre-K children through diverse arts-integrated lessons; to a Spanish guide for visitors comprising a museum's local Latino community's personal interpretations of artworks in its collection. To download a PDF of *Next Practices*, please click [here](#).

“AAMD's *Next Practices in Art Museum Education* takes us beyond proven 'best practices,’” said Lori Fogarty, Director of the Oakland Museum of California and Chair of AAMD's Education and Community Issues Committee. “This publication is designed to spark new ideas and create a platform for sharing those ideas, while also providing practical information on how museums can initiate, support, and evaluate new education programs. Education is central to our field, and we are committed to fostering the innovative programming museums develop.”

On May 18, many AAMD member museums will further emphasize the importance of art museum education by offering educational programs and other special initiatives as part of their annual celebration of Art Museum Day. As in past years, participating museums will also offer free admission and/or special discounts. AAMD will encourage public participation by inviting visitors to share their learning experiences through social media platforms with the hashtag #ArtMuseumDay.

Art Museum Day emphasizes the essential role that art museums play in their communities, highlights the value of the visual arts in society, and provides new opportunities for audiences to participate in the wide-ranging programs offered by AAMD member museums. These member institutions—located across the United States, Canada, and Mexico—include regional museums as well as large international museums. International Museum Day is organized annually around the world by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) (<http://icom.museum/imd.html>), and has been celebrated globally since 1977. AAMD's Art Museum Day is an opportunity to focus attention on the role of art museums in North America.



Museums participating in AAMD's Art Museum Day in 2014 include:

Ackland Art Museum
Addison Gallery of American Art
Albright-Knox Art Gallery
Allen Memorial Art Museum
American Folk Art Museum
Amon Carter Museum of American Art
Andy Warhol Museum
Antiguo Colegio de San Ildefonso
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
Art Gallery of Ontario
Art Gallery of Windsor
Art Institute of Chicago
Asia Society Museum
Asian Art Museum of San Francisco
Aspen Art Museum
Baltimore Museum of Art
Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive
Birmingham Museum of Art
Boise Art Museum
Brandywine River Museum of Art
Brooklyn Museum
Burchfield Penney Art Center
Carnegie Museum of Art
Chazen Museum of Art
Cincinnati Art Museum
Clyfford Still Museum
Colby College Museum of Art
Columbia Museum of Art
Columbus Museum of Art
Contemporary Arts Center
Crocker Art Museum
Dallas Museum of Art
Denver Art Museum
Des Moines Art Center
Detroit Institute of Arts
Dixon Gallery and Gardens
El Paso Museum of Art
Eli and Edythe Broad Museum of Art, Michigan State University
Farnsworth Art Museum
Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
Flint Institute of Arts
Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center
Frick Art and Historical Center
Frist Center for the Visual Arts
Georgia Museum of Art
Georgia O'Keeffe Museum
Gilcrease Museum
Grand Rapids Art Museum
Hammer Museum
Henry Art Gallery
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art
High Museum of Art
Honolulu Museum of Art
Hood Museum of Art
Hunter Museum of American Art
Indianapolis Museum of Art
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania
Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts
J. Paul Getty Museum
Japan Society Gallery
Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art
Joslyn Museum of Art
Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
Kimbell Art Museum
Laguna Art Museum
List Visual Arts Center, MIT
Los Angeles County Museum of Art
Lowe Art Museum
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art
McNay Art Museum
Meadows Museum, SMU
Memphis Brooks Museum of Art
Michael C. Carlos Museum
Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, Washington University
Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Mississippi Museum of Art
Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
Morgan Library and Museum
Muscarelle Museum of Art, College of William & Mary
Museo Arocena
Museo de Arte de Ponce
Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico
Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes
Museo Dolores Olmedo Patino
Museo Franz Mayer
Museo Nacional de Arte
Museo Nacional de San Carlos
Museo Tamayo
Museo Universitario Arte Contemporaneo
Museum of Arts and Design
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
Museum of Glass
Museum of Latin American Art



Museum of Modern Art
Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University
Nasher Sculpture Center
National Gallery of Canada
National Museum of African Art
National Museum of Women in the Arts
National Portrait Gallery
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
New Orleans Museum of Art
Norman Rockwell Museum
North Carolina Museum of Art
NSU Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale
Oakland Museum of California
Orlando Museum of Art
Palm Springs Art Museum
Palmer Museum of Art
Peabody Essex Museum
Penn Museum
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
Perez Art Museum Miami
Philadelphia Museum of Art
Philbrook Museum of Art
Phoenix Art Museum
Portland (Maine) Museum of Art
Portland Art Museum
Princeton University Art Museum
Reynolda House Museum of American Art
RISD Museum
Saint Louis Art Museum
Salvador Dali Museum
Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art
San Antonio Museum of Art
San Diego Museum of Art
San Jose Museum of Art
Santa Barbara Museum of Art
Seattle Art Museum
Shelburne Museum
Sheldon Museum of Art
Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago
Smith College Museum of Art
Snite Museum of Art
Speed Art Museum
Spelman College Museum of Fine Art
Spencer Museum of Art
Studio Museum in Harlem
Tacoma Art Museum
Taft Museum of Art
Tampa Museum of Art
Telfair Museum of Art
The Bronx Museum of the Arts
The Butler Institute of American Art
The Cleveland Museum of Art
The Columbus Museum
The Contemporary Austin
The Corning Museum of Glass
The Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia
The Frick Collection
The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art
The Menil Collection
The Mexican Museum
The Mint Museum
The Noguchi Museum
The Phillips Collection
The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts
The Walters Art Museum
Timken Museum of Art
Toledo Museum of Art
Tucson Museum of Art
Utah Museum of Fine Arts
Vero Beach Museum of Art
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Wadsworth Atheneum
Walker Art Center
Weisman Art Museum
Westmoreland Museum of American Art
Wexner Center for the Arts, O.S.U.
Wichita Art Museum
Worcester Art Museum
Yale Center for British Art
Zimmerli Art Museum/Rutgers

A comprehensive list of participating AAMD member art museums is available on the AAMD website (<https://aamd.org/our-members/from-the-field/art-museum-day-is-sunday-may-18>). Note that while ICOM's International Museum Day is formally held each year on May 18, some institutions shift their celebrations to adjacent dates.

The Association of Art Museum Directors, representing 240 art museum directors in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, aids its members in establishing and maintaining the highest professional standards for themselves and the museums they represent. It serves as a forum for the exchange of information and the exploration of ideas, and as a voice with which museum directors may express their joint perspectives and those of their institutions. Further information about AAMD is available at www.aamd.org.

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