



AAMD MEMBER MUSEUMS TO CELEBRATE ART MUSEUM DAY ON MAY 18

FREE OR REDUCED ADMISSION AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT ART MUSEUMS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

VISITORS ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

New York, NY, May 8, 2013— On May 18, Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) member museums across the United States, Canada, and Mexico will offer free or reduced admission, special programs, and other initiatives as part of their annual celebration of Art Museum Day.

In 2012, AAMD launched an initiative encouraging visitors of all ages to share their experiences of Art Museum Day through social media. Last year's event prompted an outpouring of tweets, "check-ins" via FourSquare, Facebook posts, and other personal responses from across North America. This year AAMD is again encouraging visitors to share their experiences on May 18 on social media platforms with the hashtag #ArtMuseumDay and through special events on Facebook and Foursquare.

"Whether through exhibitions that connect us to other cultures or public programs that introduce new ideas, museums draw communities together in a shared experience of human creativity and expression," said Christine Anagnos, Executive Director of AAMD. "This Art Museum Day, AAMD encourages everyone to discover their connection to the arts by visiting their local museum and sharing their experiences in a public forum."

AAMD's Art Museum Day coincides with International Museum Day, organized annually around the world by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). Participation by AAMD member museums emphasizes the lasting impact art museums have on their communities, highlights the value of the visual arts in society, and provides opportunities for audiences to participate in wide-ranging programs and share their encounters with works of art.

Museums participating in AAMD's Art Museum Day in 2013 include:

Ackland Art Museum	Brooklyn Museum of Art
Akron Art Museum	Burchfield Penney Art Center
AMOA-Arthouse	Canadian Centre for Architecture
Amon Carter Museum of American Art	Carnegie Museum of Art
Andy Warhol Museum	Cedar Rapids Museum of Art
Art Gallery of Ontario	Chazen Museum of Art
Art Institute of Chicago	Clark Atlanta University Art Galleries
Asian Art Museum	Cleveland Museum of Art
Asia Society Museum	Columbia Museum of Art
Aspen Art Museum	Columbus Museum of Art
Baltimore Museum of Art	Contemporary Arts Center
Bass Museum of Art	Contemporary Arts Museum Houston
Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive	Corning Museum of Glass
Birmingham Museum of Art	Crocker Art Museum
Boise Art Museum	Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
Brandywine River Museum	Currier Museum of Art

Dallas Museum of Art
David & Alfred Smart Museum of Art
Delaware Art Museum
Denver Art Museum
Des Moines Art Center
Detroit Institute of Arts
Dixon Gallery and Gardens
El Paso Museum of Art
Farnsworth Art Museum
Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
Flint Institute of Arts
Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art
Frick Art and Historical Center
Frist Center for the Visual Arts
Georgia Museum of Art
Georgia O'Keeffe Museum
Grand Rapids Art Museum
Grey Art Gallery
Hammer Museum
Harvard Art Museums
Henry Art Gallery
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art
High Museum of Art
Hillwood Estate, Museum, and Gardens
Hood Museum of Art
Hunter Museum of American Art
Indianapolis Museum of Art
Indiana University Art Museum
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts
Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum
Jewish Museum
John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art
Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art
Joslyn Art Museum
J. Paul Getty Museum
Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
Kimbell Art Museum
List Visual Arts Center
Los Angeles County Museum of Art
Lowe Art Museum
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art
Mary & Leigh Block Museum of Art,
Northwestern University
McNay Art Museum
Meadows Museum
Memphis Brooks Museum of Art
Miami Art Museum
Michael C. Carlos Museum
Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum

Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Mississippi Museum of Art
Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
Morgan Library & Museum
Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute
Muscarelle Museum of Art, College of William
and Mary
Museo Arocena
Museo de Arte de Ponce
Museo Franz Mayer
Museo Nacional de Arte
Museo Tamayo
Museo Universitario Arte Contemporáneo
Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale
Museum of Contemporary Art Denver
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego
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 Museum of African Art
National Museum of Wildlife Art
National Museum of Women in the Arts
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Newark Museum
New Orleans Museum of Art
Noguchi Museum
Norman Rockwell Museum
North Carolina Museum of Art
Orlando Museum of Art
Palmer Museum of Art
Palm Springs Art Museum
Peabody-Essex Museum
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Philadelphia Museum of Art
Philbrook Museum of Art
Phoenix Art Museum
Portland (Oregon) 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



Seattle Art Museum
Shelburne Museum
Smith College Museum of Art
Snite Museum of Art
Spelman College Museum of Fine Art
Spencer Museum of Art
Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute
Studio Museum in Harlem
Tacoma Art Museum
Taft Museum of Art
Tampa Museum of Art
The Bronx Museum of the Arts
The Columbus Museum
The Drawing Center
The Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia
The Frick Collection
The Menil Collection
The Mint Museum
The Phillips Collection

The Wolfsonian
Timken Museum of Art
Toledo Museum of Art
Tucson Museum of Art
University of Iowa Museum of Art
University of Michigan 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 at The Ohio State University
Whitney Museum of American Art
Worcester Art Museum
Yale Center for British Art
Yale University Art Gallery

A comprehensive list of participating AAMD member art museums is available in the newsroom of the AAMD website (<https://aamd.org/our-members/from-the-field/art-museum-day-2013/>). Note that while ICOM's International Museum Day is formally held each year on May 18, some institutions shift their celebrations to adjacent dates.

Art Museum Day is an opportunity to focus attention on the role of art museums in North America as part of a larger worldwide initiative. ICOM's International Museum Day (<http://icom.museum/imd.html>) has been celebrated globally since 1977, to encourage public focus on the museum as "an institution in the service of society and of its development." Each year a theme is selected for International Museum Day that highlights the social significance of museums. ICOM's theme for 2013 is "museums (memory + creativity) = social change."

The Association of Art Museum Directors, representing 224 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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