



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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## **CELEBRATE 90 YEARS OF THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

Flint, MI – On Friday, September 14, 2018, the Flint Institute of Arts (FIA) invites community members of all ages to celebrate nine decades of visual art with its "Everyone is a Member" Exhibition Preview from 6-9 PM. That evening, guests can learn about the history of the state's second largest art museum through a preview of the FIA's new exhibition, *Collecting Stories*, which opens that evening and runs through November 4, 2018. In addition to the exhibition, guests may enjoy light refreshments, play giant games on the patio, and observe live glass blowing demonstrations from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the FIA Art School Hot Shop, thanks to McLaren Health Care. Birthday cake will be served at 7 PM in the FIA lobby for all attendees to share. The preview is free and open to the public.

*Collecting Stories* offers countless anecdotes about the FIA's collection, amassed over 90 years, which includes more than 8,000 objects spanning multiple continents and 5,000 years. Begun in 1929, the world-renowned collection is significant for its depth of important European and American paintings and sculptures, as well as its extensive holdings in contemporary craft, decorative and applied arts, and important ethnographic collections. The collection is the FIA's most enduring legacy, one that reveals the interests of a community that has had such an impressive and lasting influence on American industry and design. *Collecting Stories* reveals the behind-the-scenes stories about how important works came into the collection from the late 1920s to the present day, with special attention paid to significant donors and giving legacies.

For more information about the "Everyone is a Member" preview, *Collecting Stories*, or to interview FIA Executive Director John Henry or Curator of Collections and Exhibitions Tracee Glab, please contact FIA Communications Coordinator Chene Koppitz at 810.237.7387 or [ckoppitz@flintarts.org](mailto:ckoppitz@flintarts.org). For a complete list of the evening's events, please visit <https://flintarts.org/event/7037/>

### **ABOUT THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

The Flint Institute of Arts is Michigan's second largest art museum and one of the largest museum art schools in the nation. The FIA's mission is to advance the understanding and appreciation of art for all through collections, exhibitions, and educational programs.

The FIA is located at 1120 East Kearsley Street in the Flint Cultural Center. The museum is open Mon–Fri 12-5 PM; Sat 10 AM-5 PM and Sun 1-5 PM. Admission to the FIA is free to members and children under 12; Adults are \$10; Senior Citizens and Students with I.D. are \$8. Saturdays are free thanks to Huntington Bank.

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