



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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AACG Grant Helps FIA Expand Glass Programming Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass Grant Brings More Visiting Artists

Flint, MI – Thanks to a grant from Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass (AACG), the Flint Institute of Arts continues to expand its glass-related programming. In July 2019, these funds allowed the museum to host a series of Friday evening glassworking demonstrations with visiting artists, including Herb Babcock and Ryan Thompson. Josh Wojick, the final visiting artist of the summer season, will demonstrate on Friday, August 23 from 5:30-8:30 PM in the FIA Hot Shop. All Friday night activities are free to all visitors.

Artist residencies have flourished under the grant, with Matt Eskuche visiting in July to teach a two-day intensive workshop, demonstrate his craft to FIA Art School students and visitors, and present a public talk about his past and current work. In the fall, Julia and Robin Rogers will conclude the 2019 artist residency program, when they teach their "Finding Form Through Sculpting" workshop and create a small body of work, which FIA visitors are encouraged to observe.

For more information about the "Finding Form Through Sculpting" workshop or FIA glass classes, please call the FIA Art School at 810.237.7315. To interview or observe Julia and Robin Rogers, please contact Chene Koppitz, FIA Communications Coordinator, via email at ckoppitz@flintarts.org or by phone at 810.237.7387.

ABOUT ART ALLIANCE FOR CONTEMPORARY GLASS (AACG)

The Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to further the development and appreciation of art made from glass. The AACG informs the public, including collectors, critics, and curators, by encouraging and supporting museum and art center glass exhibitions, public programs, and regional collector groups.

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–Sat 10 AM-5 PM and Sun 1-5 PM. Gallery admission is free for all Genesee County residents, FIA members, and children under 12; Adults are \$10; Senior Citizens and Students with I.D. are \$8. Saturdays are free for all visitors thanks to Huntington Bank.

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