



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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**10th Annual Art on Tap Raises Funds, Showcases Palette Café Chef
Beer Tasting kicks off fall and previews anticipated museum offerings**



Flint, MI – The Flint Institute of Arts, in partnership with John P. O'Sullivan Distributing and Fabiano Brothers, Inc., presents Art on Tap, its 10th Annual Beer Tasting Event, on Saturday, September 23 from 6-9 p.m. A Flint fall tradition for the last decade, this year's Art on Tap features over 100 draft beverages, music by the Genesee Ramblers, beer and cider-friendly food offerings from the FIA's recently expanded Palette Café, and - in anticipation of its new Art School Makerspace - live glassblowing demonstrations by Michigan Hot Glass. Additionally, exclusive beers will be available for those who choose to attend the early access VIP Event, which starts at 5 p.m. This year's food menu will include Koegel Brats, Mac and Cheese Bites, Steak-wrapped Asparagus, Handmade Chocolate Truffles, and Caramel Corn.

Main Event tickets for Art on Tap are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door on the night of the event. Early access VIP tickets, which allow early entry into the event at 5 p.m. and include exclusive beers not available in the Main Event, are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. All tickets include the Main Event, happening from 6-9 p.m., live music and glassblowing demonstrations, and food pairings exclusively created for the evening by Palette Café Chef Antwain Trimble. All proceeds from the event support FIA programming and exhibitions.

Art on Tap happens Saturday, September 23 on the grounds of the Flint Institute of Arts, located at 1120 E. Kearsley Street, Flint. Secure parking is free and readily available behind the museum. For more information, please visit flintarts.org or call 810.234.1695.

ABOUT ART ON TAP

Begun in 2008 at the start of Michigan's craft beer explosive, Art on Tap has become a Flint fall tradition at the FIA. In addition to draft beverages, the event highlights food pairings to complement the beers and ciders available to attendees. Each year, unique, art-related activities are included in the festivities, ranging from a pint glass painting station to live art demonstrations. Live music has also been integral to the success of the event, featuring local performers across all genres. All proceeds raised during Art on Tap help support FIA programs and exhibitions.

Representatives from both John P. O'Sullivan Distributing and Fabiano Brothers Inc., as well as Palette Café Chef Antwain Trimble, are available for interviews as well as food and beverage samplings before the event, either in studio or at the Flint Institute of Arts. All interested media, please call Chene Koppitz at 810.237.7387.

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 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission to the FIA is free to members and children under 12; Adults are \$7; Senior Citizens and Students with I.D. are \$5. Saturdays are free thanks to Huntington Bank. For more information, please call 810.234.1695 or visit www.flintarts.org.