



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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FIA's Art on Tap Raises Funds, Adds BBQ and Bourbon, to Annual Beer Tasting Event

Yearly fundraiser ushers in fall and highlights Art School offering

Flint, MI – This fall, bourbon and BBQ join The Flint Institute of Arts' Art on Tap, its annual beer tasting event, on Friday, October 5 from 7-10 PM on the grounds of the museum. Now in its 11th year, Art on Tap: Beer, Bourbon, and BBQ features nearly 100 draft beverages, 25 bourbons, BBQ fare from Hog Wild BBQ, a ceramics demonstration, a glass painting station, large-scale outdoor games, and blues from The Reichlin Small Group. Additionally, those who opt for early access, which starts at 6 PM, receive an additional five tasting tickets. This year's menu includes pulled pork and smoked-on-site chicken, as well as traditional sides like macaroni and cheese and coleslaw.

Main event tickets, which include five tasting tickets and a glass for sampling, are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Early access tickets, which allow entry at 6 PM and include five additional tasting tickets, are \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door. All tickets include admission from 7-10 PM, a sampling glass, live music, food, and the opportunity to observe and participate in FIA Art School-related activities on the night of the event. Proceeds underwrite bus transportation and art materials for elementary and secondary students participating in FIA education programs.

Art on Tap: Beer, Bourbon and BBQ is Friday, October 5 on the grounds of the Flint Art Institute of Arts, located at 1120 E. Kearsley Street, Flint. The event is open to anyone 21 years of age and up. Secure parking is free and plentiful behind the museum. For more information, please visit flintarts.org, the FIA Facebook page, or call 810.234.1695.

Representatives from both John P. O'Sullivan Distributing and Fabiano Brothers, Inc. are available for beverage samplings before the event, either in studio or at the Flint Institute of Arts. FIA Art School faculty members are also available for demonstrations and interviews. All interested media, please call FIA Communications Coordinator Chene Koppitz at 810.237.7387.

ABOUT ART ON TAP: BEER, BOURBON, AND BBQ

Begun in 2008 at the start of Michigan craft beer explosion, Art on Tap has become a Flint fall tradition. In addition to draft beverages, the event highlights food pairings to complement the beers, ciders, and - new for 2018 - bourbons available to attendees. Each year, unique art-related activities are included in the festivities, ranging from a glass painting station to artist demonstrations. Live music has been integral to the event, with local performers across all genres adding to the success of Art on Tap. All proceeds raised during FIA fundraisers help support FIA programs and exhibitions.

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. Saturday glass demonstrations are sponsored by McLaren Health Care.

For more information, please visit www.flintarts.org