



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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FIA's Art on Tap: Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Proceeds Provide Transportation and Art Supplies for Area Students

Flint, MI – Art on Tap, the Flint Institute of Arts' annual beer tasting event, returns on Friday, October 18, 2019 from 7-10 PM to bring not only beer, bourbon, and BBQ to Vehicle City, but live blues and artist demonstrations as well, all in service to area students involved in FIA art classes.

A beloved Fall fundraiser in the Flint area, Art on Tap: Beer, Bourbon, and BBQ features 80 beers and ciders, along with 25 bourbons, BBQ fare, blues from The Reichlin Small Group, live flameworking demonstrations, and a chance to win a wheelbarrow packed with beer!

Main event tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door and provide five tasting tickets. Those who opt for early access, which begins at 6 PM, receive an additional five tasting tickets for \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door. All tickets include admission from 7-10 PM, a sampling glass, live music and flameworking demonstrations, all-you-can-eat BBQ, and the opportunity to participate in the wheelbarrow raffle and silent auction. Designated driver tickets are available for \$25 and include everything non-alcoholic the evening offers.

Proceeds from the event 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 18, 2019 on the grounds of the Flint Institute of Arts, 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 are also available for flameworking demonstrations and interviews. All interested media, please contact Chene Koppitz, FIA Communications Coordinator, via email at ckoppitz@flintarts.org or by phone at 810.237.7387.

ABOUT ART ON TAP: BEER, BOURBON, AND BBQ

Begun in 2008 to align with the craft beer explosion in Michigan, 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 bourbons available to attendees. Each year, unique art-related activities are included in the festivities, with flameworking taking center stage in 2019. All proceeds raised support bus transportation and supplies for elementary and secondary students enrolled in FIA art education programs.

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.

For more information, please visit www.flintarts.org