



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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FIA's *Day at the Museum* Offers Activities Galore Gallery Tours, Installation Observation and More

Flint, MI – On Saturday, June 29, 2019, visitors to the Flint Institute of Arts will be treated to a host of unique activities, including an exhibition installation and the opportunity to talk to an art conservator while he works, designed to highlight the museum's diverse summer offerings, both in its galleries and in the FIA Art School.

When the museum opens at 10 AM that morning - and if the weather permits - those in attendance can witness the on-site assemblage of Philip Haas's monumental re-creations of Giuseppe Arcimboldo's *Four Seasons*, which Haas has meticulously recreated as 15-foot-tall sculptures.

Glass blowing demonstrations, sponsored by McLaren Health Care, will be available for drop-in viewing throughout the day and these pair perfectly with the exhibition *From the Flame*, which opens that day. Associate Curator Sarah Kohn, who organized the juried exhibition of flameworked glass, will offer a tour of the show at 11 AM. A docent-led tour of the recently opened exhibition *Isabelle de Borchgrave: Fashioning Art from Paper* will be offered at 1 PM.

Another opportunity to see behind the scenes of the FIA happens from 1-3 PM, when respected textile conservator Howard Sutcliffe will be available for a pop-in Q & A as he works on the museum's beloved Rinaldo and Armida tapestries in the Bray Gallery.

Rounding out the day will be a screening of Philip Haas's 1993 film, *The Music of Chance*, which will be followed by a Q & A with the director/screenwriter/ artist.

Day at the Museum begins at the Flint Institute of Arts at 10 AM on Saturday, June 29 and runs until the FIA's galleries close at 5 PM. All members of the public are invited to this free, family-friendly event. For a full schedule of events, please visit flintarts.org.

Members of the press interested in interviewing FIA Associate Curator Sarah Kohn, Artist/Director Philip Haas, or Conservator Howard Sutcliffe, please call FIA Communications Coordinator Chene Koppitz at 810.237.7387 or email her at ckoppitz@flinarts.org.

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