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The Palette Café

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The Museum Shop, Art School Gallery, and The Palette Café are open late for select special events.

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Mario Moore American, born 1987 Vanitas: The Flight (detail), 2020 Collection of The Jessica and Kelvin

From the Executive Director

We Just Want to Have Fun

The Flint Institute of Arts Museum + Art School connects diverse communities through fun, creative, and inspiring visual arts experiences.

When we were working on revising the FIA's mission statement last year, we solicited feedback from staff, Trustees, and visitors to help us shape, in a just a few words, who we are and the place we want to be. One word that came up again and again was "fun." As a museum professional with a background in art history, I was trained to take art and artists very seriously, which is seemingly the opposite of fun. So, at first, I was on the fence about whether we should include this word in our mission statement, however, when I thought back to my first museum experiences, what I remember most is that they were nothing but fun.

Going on a school field trip was exciting on its own, but an excursion to a museum was exponentially good. The large, complex building with dark galleries filled with mysterious objects fed my imagination. I felt a sense of awe and wonder looking at these objects, and I was transported away from my ordinary life. This impression never left me, and when I took an Art History 101 class as an undergrad, the joy I felt as a young girl came back to me in a powerful way. The idea that I could study and write about art and artists and get paid for it was a dream, and I could hardly believe that it was a possibility. Twenty-four years of working in museums, and I find myself needing to be reminded what ignited my passion in the first place: art is fun.

Fun at the FIA is not one-dimensional, it can encompass many different experiences taking an Art School class, visiting a special exhibition, attending an event (like the upcoming Wine Tasting on April 20th), meeting a friend for lunch or coffee at the



Palette Café, watching a Hot Shop glassblowing demo with kids or grandkids, listening to a mind-expanding lecture, watching an art house film, or shopping for a unique gift at the Art School Gallery and Museum Shop.

In the pages that follow you will see opportunities to participate in all the above, or just one of these things. Whatever you decide to do, my hope is that you will leave feeling like you had a good time. And, as a bonus, you will have learned something and been inspired.

Enjoy!

Tracee J. Glab **Executive Director**

P.S. To learn about how sometimes "girls just want to have fun," join Director and Curator of Collections and Exhibitions Sarah Kohn and me on Thursday, March 7 at 6:00p as we have a discussion about women in the arts on the eve of International Women's Day. This program is free, but registration is required.

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through 4.14.24

Hodge & Temporary Exhibition Galleries

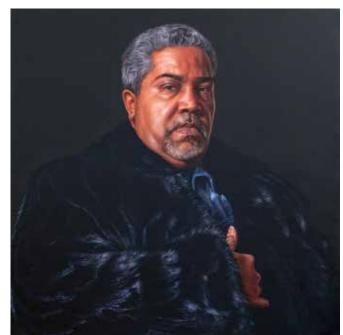
Revolutionary Times draws from three bodies of work by Mario Moore. The exhibition begins with his 2021 series A New Republic, looking at the role of how Black Union Soldiers saved the nation during the Civil War. By placing contemporary figures in historical contexts, Moore outlines the similarities between the past and our country's current racial and political divisions. Through depictions of anti-slavery abolitionists, his 2022 series Midnight and Canaan explores the relationship between Detroit and Windsor, Canada, and their intertwined history related to the Underground Railroad and the prospect of freedom. His newest series A New Frontier, produced in 2023, looks at the relationship between the Detroit fur trade and the use of Black

enslaved bodies for the export and transport of products. In each work, Moore is re-inserting Black struggles and triumphs into the canon of art history.

Exhibition sponsor



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48 x 48 inches Courtesy of Andrew and Robyn Schwarz

Mario Moore American, born 1987 Birth of the Cool, 2023 Oil on linen 72 x 48 inches Courtesy of Nick Cave and Bob Faust



Decorative Vase with Peaches, ca. 1900, Meiji Period Silver, cloisonne and $12^{1}/_{2} \times 9^{1}/_{2}$ inches by Design Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Leo S. Figiel, and Dr. and Mrs. Steven J. Figiel, 250 Years of **Japanese Objects**

through 4.14.24

Ann K. Walch-Chan Gallery

The objects in this exhibition reflect the importance of decoration in Japanese culture. Whether they are highly detailed, minimalistic, or somewhere in between, they each illustrate the concept of kazari, or the art of decoration and ornamentation. Stimulating the senses through viewing, using, or admiring a work of art, kazari highlights the dynamism of Japanese art and illustrates how the mundane world can be transformed into something extraordinary when aesthetics are considered.

Atelier 17 A Legacy of Modernist Printmaking

through 4.28.24

Graphics Gallery

In 1927, artist Stanley William Hayter opened an experimental printmaking school and studio in Paris.

Located on 17 rue Campagne-Première, it became known as Atelier 17 (French for studio). Unlike other studios at the time, Hayter emphasized collaboration between artists and urged them to explore experimental and innovative printmaking techniques. Throughout the studio's sixty years in existence, Atelier 17–trained printmakers pushed the boundaries of what was previously thought possible for graphic arts. They pioneered and

perfected new methods of marking, inking, and printing matrices that revolutionized printmaking and brought it in line with modernist expression. Key achievements include the revival of engraving, the expansion of soft ground etching beyond its traditional use, and the development of "simultaneous color printing" or "viscosity printing," which produces multicolor prints with a single pass through the press. The technical experimentation that Hayter fostered at Atelier 17 put the workshop in the vanguard of a development that

was to become increasingly important in 20th-century art. This exhibition includes artists who studied at the Atelier during their career, focusing on artworks made with the new techniques that were developed out of the studio.





Sergio Gonzalez-Tornero Chilean, born 1927 Conference at the South Pole, 1966 Etching on paper 30 x 22 inches. Cift of Marion L. Driggett in memory of Carroll W. Drigget, 1998.16.

Fragile Bodies The Figure in Glass and Clay

extended through 6.30.24

Harris-Burger Gallery

Of the countless subjects rendered throughout the history of art, none have been more popular than the human body. Whether they are modeling faces out of clay or creating arms, legs, and torsos with molten glass, contemporary artists represent the body in their own unique manner. The artworks in this exhibition—male and female, clothed and nude, young and old—illustrate the human form's powerful symbolic potential to embody an idea, to express an ideal, or to embrace that which is vulnerable and human.





Mary Van Cline American, born 1954 Ivory Figure, 2007 Pâte de verre 54½ x 19 x 9 inches Courtesy of the Isabel Foundation, L2017.119 Photo credit: Douglas Schaible Photography

Patti Warashina American, born 1940 Flower Vase B, 1995 Ceramic 24 x 14½ x 8½ inches Gift of the Pelavin Family, 2022.232 XHIBITIO

Louise Wilde Animated Prints

3.1.24 - 4.30.24

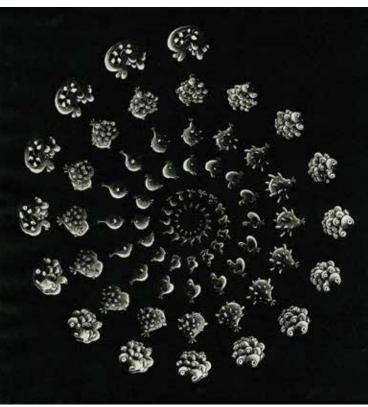
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British artist Louise Wilde loves to make things move, a seemingly counterintuitive desire when her medium of choice is printmaking (a still-image on paper). But, using pre-cinematic frameby-frame techniques, Wilde creates whimsical animations by spinning printed imagery on a disk at just the right speed, creating the illusion of movement. Wilde works with traditional and experimental printmaking methods to make these disks, using etching, photo-lithography, screen printing, and laserengraving to illustrate playful characters. The unique visual effects these print methods produce contribute to the ominous and dream-like quality of Wilde's animations.

When Wilde was a master's student at the Royal College of Art, London, she explored cameraless frame-by-frame animation processes like scratching into and painting directly onto frame stock. After a number of years working on digital animation productions, the artist craved a return to more tangible, traditional and experimental drawing approaches, and rediscovered her love for intaglio printmaking. Observing the work of oldworld artists inspired Wilde to experiment with animating her prints. In the artist's own words, she says:

"When I first saw the way Rembrandt created alternative print states from the same etching plate by drawing into, burnishing away, inking, and wiping the

Louise Wilde British, born 1973 Louise Wilde: Animated Prints Video 3:30 minutes



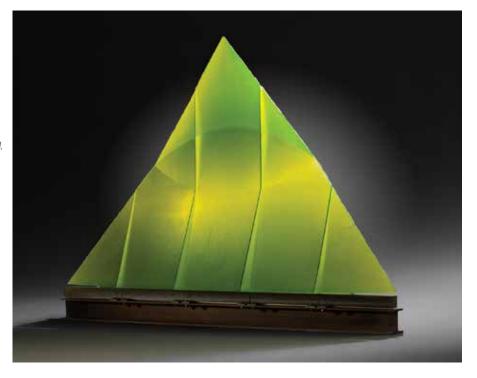
surface, I could see a direct correlation between etching and experimental frameby-frame filmmaking. Both processes feel familiar yet exciting."

The FIA is celebrating the medium of print throughout the museum with Atelier 17: A Legacy of Modernist Printmaking on view in the Graphics Gallery and announcing new programming for the 2024 Flint Print Club. Read more about these exciting happenings on the back cover.

Green Eye of the Pyramid

Stanislav Libenský and Jaroslava Brychtová

Stanislav Libenský
Czech, 1921–2002
Jaroslava Brychtová
Czech, 1924–2020
Green Eye of the Pyramid,
1993–2004
Cast, cut and polished
glass, I-Beam pedestal
82½ x 113 x 29³¼ inches
Courtesy of the Isabel
Foundation, L2017.72
Photo credit: Douglas
Schaible Photography



With its monumental scale and vivid color, *Green Eye of the Pyramid* welcomes everyone into The Chan Family Contemporary Glass Gallery. This cast glass sculpture was created by Czech artists Jaroslova Brychtová and Stanislav Libenský. The pair revolutionized fine art glass and became some of the most influential glass artists in the world.

Jaroslava Brychtová learned glassmaking around 1940 from her father who was the founder and director of the Glass School in Železný Brod. She later joined the school as director of the architectural glass department, a position she kept for 33 years until she left to make artwork with her husband Stanislav Libenský. Initially trained as a painter, Libenský began working alongside Brychtová in Železný Brod in 1954. He taught for 24 years and inspired generations of contemporary glass artists. Their art gained international recognition in 1967 at EXPO Montreal, but it was not until the 1980s when they skyrocketed to fame in the glass world. They began traveling and

teaching their techniques across the world.

Because glass is often seen as a utilitarian art form, one used for buildings and products, it often has ties to manufacturing and industry. Libenský and Brychtová pay homage to that relationship in the Green Eye of the Pyramid. Five large sections of vibrant, green cast glass are affixed to a metal I-beam. Metal is also commonly associated with industry and can transform in its molten state. The glass sections form a large pyramid, but if you look closer, there are actually two pyramid forms that intersect, each having a curved and flat surface. The artists were deeply inspired by the light that was reflected, refracted, and absorbed by glass. They often felt that their artwork was only successful when light "penetrates and resides with a work." In the Green Eye of the Pyramid the area where the forms intersect produces a glow that seemingly radiates from the inside of the sculpture—making this work a success in the artists' eyes.

Academy Award Shorts

The showcase of short films from around the globe returns to the FOMA schedule, with programs for documentaries, animation, and live action. Check flintarts.org for the lineup of films when it is announced.

MARCH 8, 9 @ 7:30p MARCH 10 @ 2:00p

Origin

FILM

(United States, 2023) Directed by Ava DuVernay, 135 min., rated PG-13

Written and directed by Ava DuVernay. Origin is inspired by the New York Times bestseller Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents. Starring as Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson, Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor experiences unfathomable personal loss and love as she crosses continents and cultures to craft one of the defining American books of our time.

MARCH 15, 16 @ 7:30p MARCH 17 @ 2:00p

The Teachers' Lounge

(Germany, 2023) Directed by Ilker Çatak, 98 min., subtitled, rated PG-13

When one of her students is suspected of theft, teacher Carla Nowak decides to get to the bottom of the matter. Caught between her ideals and the school system, the consequences of her actions threaten to break her. Reminiscent of a thriller and called darkly funny, Germany's official entry for the Academy Award Best International Feature Film is a study in power dynamics, with themes that demonstrate how individuals are worn down between entrenched positions.



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Tickets available at the door or at flintarts.org/films



MARCH 22, 23 @ 7:30p MARCH 24 @ 2:00p

Film titles and dates

are subject to change.

The Promised Land

(Denmark/Sweden/Norway/Germany, 2023) Directed by Nikolaj Arcel, 127 min., subtitled, rated R

Mads Mikkelsen reunites with director Nikolaj Arcel in this historical drama. Mikkelsen stars as Captain Ludvig Kahlen, a proud, ambitious, but impoverished war hero, who sets out to cultivate uninhabitable land, build a colony in the name of the King and gain a noble title for himself. This land is also under the rule of the merciless Fredrik De Schinkel, who realizes Kahlen is a threat to his power. As Kahlen begins to build a small community, De Schinkel swears vengeance, resulting in a violent and intense confrontation between the two men.



MARCH 28*, 29 @ 7:30p MARCH 30 @ 2:00p

Monster

(Japan, 2023) Directed by Kore-eda Hirokazu, 127 min., subtitled, rated PG-13

FILM

When her young son Minato starts to behave strangely, his mother feels that there is something wrong. Discovering that a teacher is responsible, she storms into the school demanding to know what's going on. But as the story unfolds through the perspectives of the mother, teacher, and child, the truth emerges and proves more complex than anyone could have expected.

APRIL 5, 6 @ 7:30p APRIL 7 @ 2:00p

Zone of Interest

(U.S./U.K./Poland 2023) Directed by Jonathan Glazer, 105 min., subtitled, rated PG-13

U.K.'s official entry for the Academy Award Best International Film is Jonathan Glazer's adaption of Martin Amis's novel. A disturbing work about the Holocaust, Zone of Interest is told from the perspective of Auschwitz commandant, Rudolf Höss. The film follows Rudolf and his wife Hedwig as they strive to build a dream life for their family in a house and garden next to the camp. This awardwinning film asks timely questions and examines the human capacity for violence.

APRIL 12, 13 @ 7:30p APRIL 14 @ 2:00p

Mr. Jimmy

(U.S./Japan, 2023) Directed by Peter Michael Dowd, 113 min., subtitled, not rated

Mr. Jimmv is an extraordinary story of passion, music, and the pursuit of dreams. For 30 years. Akio Sakurai dedicated his life to honoring Jimmy Page by re-creating Led Zeppelin concerts in small Tokyo clubs until he received a standing ovation from Jimmy Page, changing his live forever. Leaving his job and family behind, Sakurai moved to L.A. and joined "Led Zepagain." Soon cultures clash, and Sakurai's idyllic vision of America meets reality.

APRIL 19 @ 7:30p APRIL 20*, 21 @ 2:00p

Ferrari

(U.S./U.K./Italv/China, 2023) Directed by Michael Mann, 130 min., rated R

Adam Driver stars as Enzo Ferrari in Michael Mann's latest Ferrari centric film. Set in the summer of 1957, the Ferrari auto empire, built by Enzo and his wife Laura, played by Penelope Cruz, is in crisis. Ex-racer turned entrepreneur, Enzo, pushes himself and his drivers to the edge as they launch into the Mille Miglia, a treacherous 1,000-mile race across Italy. Cruz's performance has been hailed as one of the best from one of the best actresses of her generation.

APRIL 26, 27 @ 7:30p APRIL 28 @ 2:00p

Perfect Days

(Japan/Germany, 2023) Directed by Wim Wenders, 123 min., subtitled, rated PG

Wim Wenders returns to Japan after almost 40 years with his latest film, Perfect Days. Japan's official entry for the Academy Award Best International Feature Film, it has been called Wenders' best narrative feature in years. Hirayama seems content with his simple life as a toilet cleaner in Tokyo. Outside his structured routine he cherishes music, books, and taking photos of trees. Through unexpected encounters, he reflects on finding beauty in the world. Perfect Days is a deeply moving film that reflects on the simple pleasures in life.



FILM

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Celebrating Art that Gives Back MARCH 14 @ 6:00p **Art That Gives**

Back: The Michigan Glass Project

(U.S., 2023) Directed by Daniel R. Collins, 90 min., not rated

This is an inspiring story of a dedicated community of artists who dig deep to give back to their struggling city. As budget cuts decimated essential arts programming in public schools,

The Michigan Glass Project, led by a tight-knit crew of glass pipe makers, knew they had to do something to bring art classes back to Detroit.

Members of the Michigan Glass **Project will** appear live for a Q & A after the screening.



In Honor of Arab American Heritage Month

APRIL 11 @ 6:00p

Inshallah a Boy

(Jordan/France/Saudi Arabia/Qatar, 2023) Directed by Amjad Al Rasheed, 113 min., subtitled, not rated

After the sudden death of her husband, Nawal is struggling to cope with the upheaval in her life. However, her pain is soon compounded by the possibility of losing her home to her brother-inlaw. Desperate to keep her home

and provide a stable life for her daughter, Nawal resorts to deception. As time runs out, Nawal embarks on a journey that challenges her fears, beliefs, and morality, as she fights to secure her rightful inheritance and protect her daughter's future.







"Art Spark!" is a program designed for people with mild to moderate memory loss and their care partners. This program provides

opportunities for dialogue and reflection through art engagement within the FIA galleries with Art Spark! gallery tours and art making workshops.

The workshops offer a creative and non-verbal way of communicating and sparking moments of connectedness through art making. Individuals with memory loss, alongside their care partners, can forge connections by engaging in art together through participating in a gallery learning experience or an art-making workshop, creating an informal support group with others who share similar experiences.



Art Spark! programs are an hour long with a 30 minute social before it starts. Wheelchairs and walkers are welcomed. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Alzheimer's Association at 800.272.3900. For more information, contact Jennifer Giddings-Essenmacher in the Education Department at jessenmacher@flintarts.org.

Gallery Tours

9:30a-11:00a • Isabel Hall & Galleries **Fragile Bodies Paperweights** MARCH 21 APRIL 18

Art-Making Workshops

10:00a-11:00a • Hot Shop & Studio 10 Glass Demo **Glass Fusing** MARCH 29 **APRIL 26**



FIA Sensory Supportive Materials and Quiet Spaces

As part of our broad initiative to welcome all to the FIA, we continue to offer Sensory Supportive Materials and Designated Quiet Spaces to our visitors allowing them to decompress and experience the museum at their own pace. Adult and Children Sensory Supportive Bags are available for check out at the Visitor Services desk, along with weighted lap pads and fiddle mats. Families are invited to browse our "pre-visit" online materials to help them prepare for their visit including maps of our facility, along with social stories.

For more information, contact Jennifer Giddings-Essenmacher, Docent and Access Coordinator at jessenmacher@flintarts.org, or Libby Sheldon, Early Childhood Education and Accessibility Specialist at Isheldon@flintarts.org.

EDUCATION

ART À LA CARTE

Art à la Carte is a series of informative programs focusing on the arts. It is offered free of charge on Wednesdays at 12:15p. Participants are encouraged to bring lunch or pick up something from The Palette Café. Coffee, tea, and cookies are provided. All programs are held in the FIA's Isabel Hall unless

> Films are subject to change.

otherwise noted.

Art à la Carte Sponsors

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MARCH 6

Louise Bourgeois: The Spider, the Mistress, and the Tangerine

A journey inside the world of a legend of modern art and an icon of feminism. Onscreen, the nonagenarian Louise Bourgeois is magnetic and emotionally raw-an uncompromising artist whose life and work are imbued with her ongoing obsession with the mysteries of childhood. 99 min.

MARCH 13

Iris

A documentary about fashion icon Iris Apfel, the 93-year-old style maven who has had an out-sized presence on the New York fashion scene for decades, from legendary late 88-year-old documentary filmmaker Albert Maysles. 60 min.



MARCH 20

Kusama: Infinity

Kusama: Infinity explores artist Yayoi Kusama's journey from a conservative upbringing in Japan to her brush with fame in America during the 1960s (where she rivaled Andy Warhol for press attention) and concludes with the international fame she has finally achieved within the art world. 60 min.

MARCH 27

Between the Folds

Between the Folds chronicles the stories of 10 fine artists and intrepid scientists who abandoned careers to forge unconventional lives as modern day paperfolders. 60 min.

MARCH 27 & APRIL 24

11:00a-12:00p Puzzle Club

Join us for a free monthly jigsaw puzzle activity before the Art à la Carte film. We will work together on 300 to 1,000 piece puzzles featuring delightful, seasonally-themed illustrations. Some puzzles will be available for purchase in the Museum Shop.

1:30p **GLEX**

Tour the galleries with a docent on a Gallery Learning Experience (GLEX).

APRIL 3

Cutie and the Boxer

This candid New York love story explores the chaotic 40-year marriage of famed boxing painter Ushio Shinohara and his wife. Noriko. Anxious to shed her role as her overbearing husband's assistant, Noriko finds an identity of her own. Rated R 82 min.



APRIL 10 **Waste Land**

Filmed over nearly three years, Waste Land follows renowned artist Vik Muniz as he journeys from his home base in Brooklyn to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump, Jardim Gramacho, located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. 86 min.

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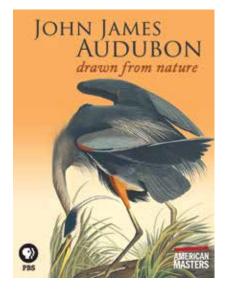
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free of charge.

APRIL 17

John James Audubon: **Drawn From Nature**

John James Audubon's story is dramatic and surprising. He was not born in America, but saw more of the North American continent than virtually anyone alive. 54 min.



APRIL 24 Craft in America

Messages

This film looks at the ways many craft artists go beyond skill to personal and political expression. They use craft to tell a story, prove a point, or bring attention to issues. 53 min.

BOOK DISCUSSION

FIA book discussions focus on works of fiction and non-fiction related to art, art museums, or FIA collections. The first meeting for each book sets the stage by exploring artists and artwork related to the selected book. Two weeks later, the book is discussed.

Cora's Kitchen

By Kimberly Garrett Brown

Part 1: Presentation **FEBRUARY 21** 1:30p

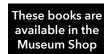
Part 2: Book Discussion

MARCH 6 1:30p

Isabel Hall

A peek into a Black woman writer's life and experiences during the Harlem Renaissance. Cora James, a 35-year-old Black librarian in Harlem, dreams of being a writer. Torn between her secret passion and the duties of a working wife and mother in 1928, Cora strikes up correspondence with renowned poet Langston

Hughes, who encourages her to pursue her dream.



Bright Wings

By Billy Collins

Part 1: Presentation APRIL 10 1:30p

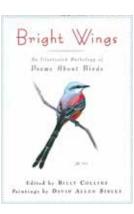
Part 2: Book Discussion

APRIL 24 1:30p

Isabel Hall

In this beautiful collection of poems and paintings, Billy

Collins, former U.S. poet laureate, joins with David Allen Sibley, America's foremost bird illustrator, to celebrate the winged creatures that have inspired so many poets to sing for centuries. From Catullus and Chaucer to Robert Browning and James Wright, poets have long treated birds as powerful metaphors for beauty, escape, transcendence, and divine expression.



These programs are free of charge

Family programs enable parents and children to explore the visual arts at the FIA. They are designed for children and accompanying adults and offered free of charge. Groups of six or more, please contact the Education Department to make a reservation.

Contact
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on Education
programming.

Toddler Art Explorers

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Bring your toddler for some art-filled fun at the museum. Read a story, go on a gallery hunt, and explore with art materials in the studio. Viewing and investigating with art materials builds a foundation of learning for a lifetime in all areas of development. Recommended for 18-36 months of age, but all are welcome.

Exploring Collage

MARCH 1 11:00a • Studio 1

Listen to *The Mixed Up* Chameleon, by Eric Carle, hunt for artworks in our galleries that include collage, and investigate making a collage with fabric.



Exploring Clay

APRIL 5 11:00a • Studio 1

Listen to *Play with Clay* by Jennie Pinkerton, inquire about images from *Children of the Clay*, by Swentzell and Bill Steen, hunt for artworks made of clay in our galleries, and investigate making clay balls, snakes, and lines.

Preschool Playdates

Introduce your little one to the world of art! Preschool Playdates include listening to a storybook, looking at artwork in the galleries, and exploring a range of art-making materials in the studio. Recommended for ages 3–5, but all are welcome.

Faces

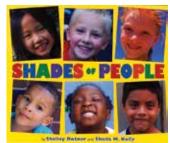
MARCH 15 11:00a • Studio 1

Listen to Shades of People by
Shelley Rotner, visit the galleries
to see how many kinds of faces
and colors we can find, and in the
studio, draw or paint portraits on
clear paper overlaying the child's image.

Spring Trees

APRIL 19 11:00a • Studio 1

Listen to A Walk Through the Woods by Louise Greig, visit the galleries to hunt for trees and nature, and in the studio, create your own woodland tree.







Baby Tours

Baby Tours offer an art-viewing experience in our galleries along with an exploration of materials and books for parents alongside their infants, toddlers, or young two year olds, which nurtures language and literacy skills. Both viewing and exploring art develops the foundation for lifelong cognitive, social, emotional and multisensory skills.

For the best art-viewing experience, front carriers are recommended. Strollers are allowed, but please no backpacks. Meet at the Visitor Services desk in the Lobby. Recommended for infants up to 18 months with an adult.

A guided tour from 1:00p to 1:30p with FIA Early Childhood Specialist is followed by a developmentally appropriate exploration of materials and books from 1:30p to 2:00p.

Explore Paper

MARCH 3 1:00p • Galleries & Studio

Explore Squishy Painting

APRIL 7

1:00p • Galleries & Studio

Spring Break Special

In celebration of Dorothy Broomfield, join us for something different this Spring Break. Family art-making experiences are a wonderful way for families to come together and experience something fun, unique, creative, engaging, and collaborative. Leave your devices behind and make this Spring Break one to remember.

Morning Stories

MARCH 26 & 28 10:00a-12:00p • Galleries & Studio 1

Bring your preschooler to the FIA to listen to a work of children's literature, hunt in the galleries for artworks, and explore art materials in the studio and create an artwork of your own. This program is designed for families with children ages 3-5 but all are welcome.



Afternoon Studio

MARCH 25-29 1:00p-4:00p • Galleries & Studio 1

Drop in any time between 1:00p and 4:00p. Spend some quality family time at the FIA during Spring Break! Explore a different art medium each afternoon and create your own masterpieces to take home. This program is designed for families with children ages 6-13, but all are welcome.

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James Labold

VISITING ARTIST



James Labold has a BFA from Tyler School of Art in 2004 and in 2015 he received his MFA in Glass at Ball State University. He has led workshops at universities and public glass

studios throughout the United States as well as the International Summer Academy Bild-Werk Frauenau, Germany. His work has been included in New Glass Review in 2010. 2015, and 2018. Labold has been Artist in Residence at Salem State University's Rosenberg Residency and Starworks Center for Creative Enterprises in Star, NC. He was selected for the Glass Art Society's 2016 Saxe Emerging Artist Award and lectured at their 2016 conference in Corning, New York

Mixed Media Glass Sculpture Workshop

MARCH 5-8

10:00a–8:00p Two one-hour meal* breaks (*not provided by the FIA)

Tuition: \$500

Sign up at flintarts.org/learn. Space is limited.

Hot Shop Demonstrations

MARCH 9 2:00p

MARCH 10 3:00p

ART CLASSES

The FIA Art School is dedicated to the enrichment of the community through individual academic exposure to the visual arts. Highly qualified faculty offer instruction in drawing, painting, glass arts, weaving, photography, animation, ceramics, sculpture, college portfolio development, and early childhood art courses. Since 1928, the Art School has helped students develop a wide range of artistic goals and skill levels.

The catalog is available online at flintarts.org/learn/news. Visit our website,call 810.237.7315, or email arted@flintarts.org for more information.

*FIA members receive 20% off tuition



Pre-College Portfolio Development Program



Pre-College Portfolio Development Program exhibition in Art School Gallery

The FIA Pre-College Portfolio Development Program (PDP) is a multisemester course of study that provides serious high school artists with college-level studio arts instruction. Visiting artists, presentations by college admissions representatives, and field trips to National Portfolio Day and prominent Michigan art schools expand the studio experience.

In addition to rigorous training in drawing fundamentals, students take courses

designed to expand the breadth of their skills, as well as helping them begin to develop a personal artistic vision. Courses include painting, ceramics, welding, printmaking, glass, illustration, and photography. Students finish the program with a Capstone course, which covers final editing of their portfolios and the presentation and exhibition of their works in the Art School.

Classes meet 2½ hours one evening each week for three 10-week sessions from September through

May each year. Scholarship assistance, based on need, ensures the program remains merit-based. A limited number of full-tuition scholarships are available to students that reside in the city of Flint. 2024 Portfolio Development Program Application materials are available online and will be due in June 2024. Classes will begin in September. For more information, call or email the Art School at 810.237.7315 or arted@flintarts.org.







GRAM



To provide patrons with more time to experience the Flint Institute of Arts, each Thursday the FIA is open late. In addition to the art galleries, the Museum Shop and The Palette Café are open. On select nights, enjoy special programs as highlighted below. It's a great way to wind down the week.

These programs are free of charge with the exception of the film on April 18.

FIA Films are sponsored by





On the eve of International Women's Day, Executive Director Tracee Glab and Director and Curator of Collections and Exhibitions Sarah Kohn will discuss contributions women artists have made from the 17th century through present day by examining works in the FIA's permanent collection.

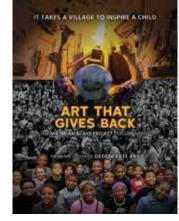


Elisabetta Sirani Italian, 1638-1665 Cleopatra Oil on canvas, ca. 1662–1665 $37^{1}/_{4} \times 29^{3}/_{4}$ inches Gift of the Hurand family in memory of Dr. Ben Bryer,



March 14 6:00p • FIA Theater FIA Film

Celebrating art that gives back, the FIA presents Art That Gives Back: The Michigan Glass Project. See page 10 for more information.



March 21 6:00p • FIA Theater The Sheppy Dog **Fund Lecture**

Dr. Gregory Heyworth lectures on the topic Ghosts from the Machine: Spectral Imaging and the Return of Lost Texts. See page 22 for more information.

April 4 6:00p • FIA Theater Flint Jewish Film **Festival Preview**

Join us for a complimentary film as we kick off our 20th Annual Karen Schneider Jewish Film Festival.

April 11 6:00p • FIA Theater **FIA Film**

The FIA honors Arab American Hertiage Month with the screening of Inshallah a Boy. See page 10 for more information.



April 18 6:00p • FIA Theater Flint Jewish Film **Festival**

This is the last screening of a six-film series dealing with films on Jewish life and culture. For more information, visit flintfed. com or flintarts.org.



PRESENTATION

Coffee with a Curator is a focused, theme-oriented presentation on a variety of topics related to the FIA's permanent collection and special exhibitions. The talk is presented by one of the FIA's curators or an invited speaker. Coffee will be available. Time will follow each talk for questions or gallery exploration.



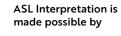
Rinaldo and Armida Tapestries in Three Acts

Executive Director Tracee Glab will take a closer look at the 17th-century tapestries in the Viola E. Bray Renaissance Gallery by examining three areas: Act I: From Paris to Flint, reliving the story of the tapestries'

> 6,293 mile journey; Act II: Sleeping with the Enemy, exploring the story and characters of Rinaldo and Armida; and Act III: Beyond Warp and Weft, examining the symbols in the tapestries.

Simon Vouet French, 1590–1649 Manufactured by Raphael de la Planche French, active 1629-1661 Armida About to Kill Sleeping **Rinaldo**, ca. 1633-1637 Wool and silk (modern cotton lining) 177 x 125 inches Gift of Viola E. Bray, 2005.124.1







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Crimes of Passion: Examining Art Thefts for Love

March 21 6:00p • FIA Theater

FREE Admission

Tracee J. Glab, Lecturer



Tracee J. Glab

What makes people want to steal art, risking prison and a criminal record? The majority of art thefts have a financial motive, even though it is difficult to sell well-known or "hot" art on the open market. A more unconventional motive is that of a strong desire for the object itself. In this talk, you will hear about four cases of art theft —across continents from

the 19th century to the present

day—that shed light on different aspects of the desire to possess by any means necessary.

Tracee J. Glab has been the Executive Director of the Flint Institute of Arts since July 2022. Prior to her current role she was the FIA's Curator of Collections and Exhibitions for thirteen years. She holds an MA in Art History from Wayne State University and a BA in Art History from University of Michigan-Dearborn. Her recently published Director's Choice from the Scala series features 37 of her favorite works in the FIA.



The Sheppy Dog Fund Lecture has been established to address the topics of art, religion, and history, and is funded by The Sheppy Dog Fund, Dr. Alan Klein, Advisor.

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Thomas Gainsborough, Portrait of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, 1785-87

10:00a **Media Arts Gallery** Louise Wilde: Animat-

ed Prints opens

MARCH

11:00a

Toddler Art Explorers Exploring Collage

6:30p **FOMA Film**

Academy Award Shorts



4:30 & 7:00p **FOMA Film Academy Award Shorts**

3 SUN

1:00p **Baby Tour** Explore Paper 2:00 & 3:30p **FOMA Film**

Academy Award Shorts

6 WED

12:15p Art à la Carte

Louise Bourgeois: The Spider, the Mistress, and the Tangerine

1:30p **Book Discussion: Part Two** Cora's Kitchen

THU

6:00p **Late Night Thursdays** Celebrating International Women's Day

7:30p **FOMA Film** Origin

2:00p **Hot Shop** Demo James Labold

7:30p **FOMA Film** Origin

10 SUN

2:00p **FOMA Film** Origin 3:00p

Hot Shop Demo James Labold

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12:15p Art à la Carte Iris

4 THU 6:00p

FIA Film Art That Gives Back: The Michigan Glass Proiect

5 FRI 11:00a **Preschool Playdates**

Faces 7:30p

FOMA Film The Teachers' Lounge

6 SAT

7:30p **FOMA Film** The Teachers' Lounge

17 SUN

2:00p **FOMA Film** The Teachers' Lounge

12:15p Art à la Carte Kusama: Infinity

21 THU

9:30a Art Spark! Fragile Bodies d00:6 **Sheppy Dog Fund**

Lecture Ghosts from the Machine: Spectral **Imaging** and the

Return of Lost Texts

22 FRI

7:30p **FOMA Film** The Promised Land

23 SAT

7:30p **FOMA Film** The Promised Land

24 SUN 2:00p **FOMA Film** The Promised Land

25 MON

1:00p **Spring Break Special** Afternoon Studio

26 TUE

10:00a **Spring Break Special** Morning Stories 1:00p **Spring Break Special** Afternoon Studio

12:15p Art à la Carte Between the Folds 1:00p **Spring Break Special**

Afternoon Studio

10:00a **Spring Break Special** Morning Stories 1:00p

Spring Break Special Afternoon Studio

7:30p **FOMA Film** Monster

10:00a Art Spark! Glass Demo 1:00p **Spring Break Special** Afternoon Studio 7:30p **FOMA Film**

Monster **30** SAT

7:30p **FOMA Film** Monster

31 SUN **CLOSED** Holiday Easter



3 WED 12:15p

Art à la Carte Cutie and the Boxer

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APRII

6:00p Flint Jewish Flint **Festival** Preview

11:00a **Toddler Art Explorers** Exploring Clay 7:30p **FOMA Film** Zone of Interest

6 SAT

9:45a

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Forum Black Dandelion: Con- Film TBA vergent Voice Forum 7:30p

FOMA Film Zone of Interest

7 SUN

1:00p **Baby Tour** Squishy Painting 2:00p **FOMA Film** Zone of Interest

8 MON

10:30a **Coffee With a Curator** Rinaldo and Armida Tapestries in Three

WED

Acts

12:15p Art à la Carte Waste Land 1:30p **Book Presentation: Part One Bright Wings**

11 THU

FIA Film Inshallah a Boy

12 FRI

7:30p **FOMA Film** Mr. Jimmy

13 SAT

7:30p **FOMA Film** Mr. Jimmv

14 SUN

2:00p **FOMA Film** Mr. Jimmv 7:00p Flint Jewish Flint **Festival**

12:15p Art à la Carte

John James Audubon: Drawn From Nature

7:00p Flint Jewish Flint Festival



18 THU

Film TBA

9:30a **Art Spark! Paperweights** 7:00p Flint Jewish Flint **Festival**

19 FRI

11:00a **Preschool Playdates** Spring Trees 7:30p **FOMA Film** Ferrari



20 SAT

10:00a **Founders Society** First Bloom! 2:00p

FOMA Film Ferrari

6:30p **Wine Tasting** In Vino Veritas

24 WED 12:15p Art à la Carte Craft in America Messages

1:30p **Book Discussion: Part Two Bright Wings**

26 FRI

10:00a Art Spark! Glass Fusing 7:30p **FOMA Film** Perfect Days



21 SUN 11:00a

Founders Society First Bloom! 2:00p **FOMA Film** Ferrari

27 SAT

7:30p **FOMA Film** Perfect Days

78 SUN 2:00p **FOMA Film** Perfect Days

Membership contributions are a significant part of the FIA operating income.

MEMBERSHIP

Benefits and privileges of FIA membership include a 10% discount in the Museum Shop and The Palette Café: a 20% discount and early registration privileges on Art School classes; discounts on ticketed events; free admission to exhibitions; invitations to opening receptions, lectures, and special events; FIA Magazine subscription; recognition in the FIA Magazine and Annual Report and inclusion in two reciprocal membership programs for members at the \$100 level and above.

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Coming this May, the FIA will launch a new and enhanced Youth Membership program! This refreshed and expanded initiative will now be open for ages 2.5-18, featuring age-specific art activities and programs.

Youth Members aged 2.5-5, 6-9, 10-12, and 13-18 will now be grouped into "Houses"—Cadmium, Carbon, Cerulean and Viridian—each designed to engage and empower young individuals in a structured and dynamic environment, developmentally suitable for each group.



The activities and programs provided will serve as platforms for personal growth, collaborative development, positive contribution, and sense of community, while helping members to discover and cultivate their emerging talents and build lasting connections with peers who share similar interests and aspirations.

At a membership rate of \$20 annually (\$10 for each additional child), FIA Youth Members will be entitled to:

- Three special youth activities/programs
- Free admission to all FIA exhibitions
- 20% discount on FIA Art School classes
- 10% discount in Museum Shop and
- Palette Café
- FIA Magazine subscription

Youth membership



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The Contemporaries is an affiliate group of the Flint Institute of Arts, geared toward those interested in learning more about the art of now. Members gain exclusive invitations to attend special events like Art Basel and Miami Art Week, tours, workshops, and other opportunities to network with other art lovers. Membership in The Contemporaries is \$50 for one person and \$75 for two people. You must first be an FIA member at the Individual level (\$30) or higher.

For more information or to join, visit to flintarts.org/join-and-give/thecontemporaries.

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The Contemporaries 2023 trip to Art Basel Miami.



ANNUAL APPEAL

Outdated Humidifiers

With the generous support of members and patrons, the FIA has reached twothirds of our goal in raising funds for the replacement of nine humidifies. The new humidifiers will help prevent damage to the artwork on display and lower the Institute's energy costs.

The FIA was also awarded the National Endowment for the Humanities Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant for \$150,000 to fund the "Flint Institute of Arts Humidification System Replacement" project.

"We are grateful for all of the support this project has received thus far, including the grant from the NEH. These funds will assist us in replacing and upgrading essential equipment. Having the most up-to-date humidifiers allows us to continue our work of protecting and maintaining the important artwork in the FIA's collection, as well as reducing energy costs. Support both locally and nationally such as this is vital to the success of the Institute and allows us to continue to provide the community with access and programming," said Tracee Glab, Executive Director.

While we have raised a significant portion of the funds needed for the project, there is still more to be done. And, you can still support!



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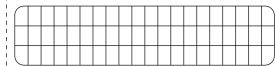
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New Membership Registration

Calling all print-makers, print-collectors, and print-enthusiasts alike-membership to the Flint Print Club opens March 1.



The FIA is pleased to announce the relaunch of the Flint Print Club and the 2024 print commission. This year the commission will take the form of a call for entry, with an invitation to artists actively working in the field of printmaking. Along with the print commission, the FIA will engage the artist with public and memberexclusive programming in alignment with our mission and strategic plan to support contemporary artists. New Flint Print Club programming will connect members to a diverse community of printmakers and collectors through fun, creative, and inspiring visual arts experiences.

Your membership will include:

- A limited edition print produced by the 2024 Print Club commission artist.
- Exclusive programming featuring the 2024 Print Club commission artist.
- A field trip organized by FIA staff to regional printmaking organizations, makerspaces, or galleries.
- Invitation to the annual Print Party—a major celebration of printmaking with demonstrations, hands-on activities, pop-up exhibitions, and opportunities to purchase prints and expand your collection.

Membership to the Flint Print Club is \$300 annually and limited to 75 members. Membership will be granted on a first come, first serve basis until the membership roster is full. Come March, look for new membership registration forms in the mail or visit flintarts.org/join-and-give/membership. Please send questions to printclub@flintarts.org.