Philanthropy, Uncertainty, & You

As director of a not-for-profit organization, I am always interested in any information that leads us to create new initiatives to improve the bottom line. Lately, and it seems more than ever, each time I open my email, read the paper, or listen to the news, there are new and alarming speculations on trends in philanthropy. Of course, no one can predict the future and even expert analysts and forecasters rarely agree on what the future holds. There are always those who say the sky is falling, while others claim the future looks brighter than ever. But recently, and in addition to an expected lack of consensus in what I was seeing and hearing, I began noticing a heightened degree of desperation in message after message. Some examples:

“Americans donated a record $373 billion to charity—an all-time high…”

“Tax reform will cap the charitable deductions leading to fewer donations to charities…”

“A rising economy will likely increase charitable giving…”

“The widening disparity between the wealthy and the less fortunate will have an effect on museum programming…”

“Funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be cut…”

“Corporate philanthropy is showing signs of decline…”

“Foundations are changing their strategies for charitable giving…”

Nevertheless, things are going well for the FIA... so far. I believe this is due to continuing support from a broad base of primarily local individuals, corporations, and foundations. We are currently at $4.5 million toward our endowment campaign goal of $6 million, $9 million toward our capital campaign goal of $9.6 million, and we have a modest surplus in our operating budget. We do not receive tax dollars, except in the form of occasional small federal, state, and local grants; so, if there are cuts to granting agencies, they will not have a significant effect on our operations. Foundation support of the FIA has increased (thanks in large part to the C. S. Mott Foundation) despite reports of a decreasing trend nationally, and corporate and business support of the FIA is at an all-time high. The completion of the new contemporary craft wing and glass blowing studio later this year will surely boost visitation and lead to increases in contributions at the door, admission income, membership, studio tuition, and retail sales in the FIA Museum Shop and Café.

So, where am I going with this? To you, actually—to thank you and other FIA members for your continuing generosity. Your support proves what we have known all along: that the financial security of your museum and art school is essential to the health and vitality of our community regardless of these uncertain times.

John B. Henry
Executive Director
Women of a New Tribe

Through 4.15.17

Hodge Galleries

Women of a New Tribe features black-and-white photographic portraits of women from Flint’s African American community by artist Jerry Taliaferro. For more than a decade, Taliaferro has traveled across the country photographing women from all walks and stages of life. His primary motivation is “to celebrate unheralded women who have, until recently, been largely ignored and underappreciated. It is an attempt to see in a new light and, in a new way, an incredible group of women.”


A fully illustrated catalogue accompanies this exhibition and is available for purchase in the Museum Shop.

Meet the Women of a New Tribe

Saturday 3.25.17 2p

FIA Theater

After a performance by poet Semaj Brown and Dr. James Brown, President of The Foundation for Mott Community College, Lenetta B. Coney will lead a panel discussion with participants of Women of a New Tribe. Visitors are invited to submit questions for the participants at the event and prior to the event on the museum’s website. Free to the public.

Exhibition is sponsored by

Community Gala
Art of Jade

through 7.30.17

Ann K. Walch-Chan Gallery

Throughout history, jade has had profound cultural implications in different regions of the world. *Art of Jade* includes objects from China that range from the Neolithic period (8,000–2,000 BCE) to the Qing Dynasty (1644–1912) and from Mesoamerican cultures dating back as early as 1800 BCE. The exhibition explores the history of these “jade cultures” as well as the functional, stylistic, and technical developments of jade as an artistic medium throughout time.

One of the largest jade objects in the exhibition is *Dragon in Clouds Chime* from the 18th century. This chime is part of a larger set of 12 called a te-qing. They can be made from many materials but carved jade was said to give the finest tone. These instruments were played for imperial audiences or during palace banquets and religious ceremonies. The use of a pure green jade, along with the depiction of imperial dragons, indicates that this chime was most likely commissioned for Emperor Qianlong, who reigned from 1735 to 1796.

Qing Dynasty, 1644–1911/12
Chinese
Chime: *Dragon in Clouds*, 1765
Jadite
26 7/8 x 29 3/4 x 12 1/4 inches
Gift of Mrs. Fredrick B. Miner, FIA 1968.13

Reaction

The Art of Social Commentary

through 4.30.17

Graphics Gallery

In the 1930s, works on paper showing scenes of union organization, racial violence, fascism, and other political and social issues became more prevalent. Artists used the print medium as a tool of social commentary, creating the artistic and political movement called Social Realism. The Social Realism movement often used art as a tool to expose the struggle of the working class.

Although some of the issues have changed, artists still create imagery that expresses their opinion and comments on social, political, and economic subjects. Some have faced intense criticism for their art while others have been commended for their courage. This exhibition examines works by Social Realist artists such as Hugo Gellert, George Grosz, and Ben Shahn, as well as contemporary social activist artists such as Sue Coe, Andy Warhol, Rupert Garcia, and David Wojnarowicz.

Rupert Garcia
American, b. 1941
*The Most Dangerous Woman in America*, 1969
Silkscreen on paper
30 x 22 1/8 inches
Gift of Mr. Jack B. Pierson, FIA 1991.18

Rodin:
The Human Experience

Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Collections

5.6.17 to 7.30.17

This exhibition will feature over 50 bronzes by French sculptor Auguste Rodin, recognized as one of the greatest sculptors since Michelangelo. His pioneering work deconstructed the body as fragments, or partial figures, that reveal human vitality, pathos, and beauty. His expressionistic modeling, sensuality, and modernist approach to public sculpture brought him both scandal and success.

This exhibition has been organized and made possible by the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Foundation.

Auguste Rodin
French, 1840–1917
Toilette of Venus and Andromede, modeled after 1890; Musée Rodin cast 1/8 in 1987
Bronze; Godard Foundry
20 x 14 1/2 x 23 1/2 inches
Lent by Iris Cantor

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Civitas
Jacek Jerzy Kolasinski's installations are rooted in the experience of growing up in two worlds: the “Old World” of Krakow, Poland, and the “New World” of the United States. The search for identity in the vortex of cultural displacement surfaces often in his work. Civitas is a small-scale re-creation of a medieval town destroyed by fire. It serves as a parable describing the devaluation of various social institutions like religion and family. The dilapidated buildings are emblematic of urban decline. The projected images are captured, transmitted, and transformed by a small video camera situated in the center of the installation. This imagery gives the impression of an anonymous explorer documenting the ruins in the heart of an unnamed village devastated by some unknown disaster.

Madame Perfetti & the Tree
Laetitia Hohenberg, American, b. 1962, 4:04 minutes
“Madame Perfetti is a person I visit. She has dementia. My piece is a replica of the space we both share. It is a suspended moment; an exquisite present lived at a glance, with no past or future.”
— Laetitia Hohenberg

John Costigan
American, 1888–1972
Springtime, ca. 1938
Etching on paper 9 1/2 x 11 1/8 inches
Museum purchase with funds raised from the Flint Print Club, FIA 2016.39

Joseph Pennell
American, 1857–1926
The Grip, Serang, 1910
Etching on paper 9 3/8 x 12 3/8 inches
Museum purchase with funds raised from the Flint Print Club, FIA 2016.40

Hugh Mesibov
American, b. 1916
Unworldly Landscape, 1942
Pencil on paper 9 x 11 3/4 inches
Museum purchase with funds raised from the Flint Print Club, FIA 2016.41

Andre Racz
American, b. Romania, 1916–1994
Depression and Neurosis, 1944
Engraving on paper 9 1/4 x 13 3/4 inches
Museum purchase with funds raised from the Flint Print Club, FIA 2016.42

Santiago Moix
Spanish, b. 1960
Rapa III, 2003
Iris print on paper 17 x 21 inches
Museum purchase with funds raised from the Flint Print Club, FIA 2016.44

Albrecht Dürer
German, 1471–1528
Saint Nicholas, Ulrich and Erasmus, ca. 1505
Woodcut on paper 8 1/2 x 5 3/4 inches
Museum purchase with funds raised from the Flint Print Club, FIA 2016.45

Ivan Albright
American, 1897–1983
Self Portrait at 55 East Division, 1947
Lithograph on paper 14 1/8 x 10 1/8 inches
Museum purchase with funds raised from the Flint Print Club, FIA 2016.49
**Arthur Rothstein**

In the 1930s, the U.S. government formed the Resettlement Administration (which later became part of the Farm Security Administration [FSA]), a New Deal agency that relocated rural families negatively affected by the Great Depression. One of the most pressing issues facing many of these Americans was the severe drought in the West brought on by extreme weather patterns, resulting in what came to be known as the Dust Bowl. Within the FSA, Roy Stryker headed a photography unit tasked with documenting these disastrous effects, as well as the help provided by governmental agencies. Stryker hired eleven photographers, the first being his former pupil at Columbia University, Arthur Rothstein. His other hires included Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, and Ben Shahn.

The son of Jewish immigrants, Rothstein was born and raised in New York City. At age 21, he traveled to the Dust Bowl in April of 1936. His most well-known photograph *Dust Storm, Cimarron County, Oklahoma*, taken not long after he arrived. The subjects are Arthur Coble and his two sons, Milton and Darrel, walking past a shed on their property during a dust storm in Boise City, located in the panhandle of Oklahoma. Rothstein recalled the moment that he took this shot: “I was about to get into my car when I turned to wave to [Coble and his two sons], and I looked and saw this man bending into the wind, with one of the boys in front of him and another one behind him, and great swirls of sand all around, which made the sky and the earth become one. And I said, ‘What a picture this is!’ and I just picked up my camera and went ‘click.’ One photograph, one shot, one negative.” As an adult Darrel Coble (the boy pictured at the right) remembered the following: “All the days was about alike then. For a 3-year-old kid, you just go outside and play, dust blows and sand blows, and you don’t know any different.”

**James Perry Walker:**

*The Preacher & His Congregation*
11.10.16 – 3.5.17
Muskegon Museum of Art
Muskegon, Michigan
55 gelatin silver prints

**Alexej Jawlensky**

2.16.17 – 5.29.17
*Neue Galerie*
New York, New York

**Pressed for Time: The History of Printmaking**
3.18.17 – 7.2.17
*Kalamazoo Institute of Arts*
Kalamazoo, Michigan

**Arthur Rothstein**

American, 1915–1985
*Dust Storm, Cimarron County, Oklahoma*, 1936
Silver gelatin print
11 x 14 inches
Museum purchase with funds raised from the Flint Print Club, FIA 2016.48

**James Perry Walker**

American, 1945–2014
*Praying Woman, Lagosheh Church (Rossville, TN)*, 1978
Gelatin silver print
14 7/8 x 14 7/8 inches
Museum purchase, FIA 2000.31.19

**Alexej von Jawlensky**

Russian, 1864–1941
*Portrait of Marie Castel (Landscape on verso)*, 1906
Oil on board
20 13/16 x 19 3/8 inches
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome G. Estly, FIA 1940.8

**Currier & Ives (Publisher)**

(active New York, 1857–1907)
*The Evacuation of Richmond, VA*, 1865
Hand-colored lithograph
12 x 14 7/8 inches
Museum purchase, FIA 1964.24
foma films

March 3, 4, 5
Elle
(France/Germany/Belgium, 2016) Directed by Paul Verhoeven, 130 min., subtitled, rated R
Isabelle Huppert won a recent Golden Globe as best actress in a psychological thriller about a woman who plots revenge after being sexually assaulted. Paul Verhoeven’s edgy film—lauded by Variety as “complex” and “compassionate”—landed on many top 10 lists.

March 17, 18, 19
Julieta
(Spain, 2016) Directed by Pedro Almodóvar, 110 min., subtitled, rated R
A middle-aged woman is forced to painfully re-examine her life after learning that her long-lost daughter has resurfaced. Pedro Almodóvar’s adaptation of Alice Munro’s short stories has been described by Newsweek as “an enthralling meditation on the mechanics of memory and grief.”

March 10, 11, 12
Toni Erdmann
(Germany/Austria, 2016) Directed by Maren Ade, 163 min., subtitled, rated R
In this Oscar nominee for best foreign language film, a practical-jokester dad tries to reconnect with his workaholic daughter by creating an outrageous alter ego and posing as her CEO’s life coach. “Refreshing... downright hilarious,” praises Screen International.

March 24, 25, 26
Moonlight
(U.S., 2016) Directed by Barry Jenkins, 110 min., subtitled, rated R
In a tender story told through three defining chapters in his life, a young man struggles to find himself as he falls in love while grappling with his sexuality. The New York Times calls this Oscar-nominated film “almost unbearably personal” and “an urgent social document.”

March 31 & April 1, 2
Paterson
(U.S., 2016) Directed by Jim Jarmusch, 119 min., rated R
Adam Driver (Star Wars: The Force Awakens) excels in a quiet Jim Jarmusch-directed dramedy about a week in the life of a poetry-writing New Jersey bus driver. The San Francisco Chronicle calls this “a small miracle... both intellectually dazzling and emotionally provocative.”

April 7, 8, 9
Things to Come
(France, 2016) Directed by Mia Hansen-Love, 102 min., subtitled, rated PG-13
The great Isabelle Huppert headlines a Parisian drama in which a high school philosophy teacher is forced to reinvent her life after her husband announces he is leaving her. “A major, many-shaded work even by her lofty standards,” Variety writes about the film and its heralded star.

April 13, 14, 15
Peter & the Farm
(U.S., 2016) Directed by Tony Stone, 91 min., not rated
In a haunting mix of documentary and cautionary tale, which has been described by IndieWire.com as “a wooly meditation on mortality,” a proud farmer in Vermont regretfully confronts his history and his legacy as he observes his life nearing an end.

April 20
Fanny’s Journey
(France, 2016) Directed by Lola Doillon, 94 min., subtitled, not rated
A resourceful girl leads a band of orphans through Nazi-occupied France. This free screening at 7:00p is a preview of the annual Karen Schneider Jewish Film Festival of Flint, to be presented by the Flint Jewish Federation and the FIA April 30 through May 4.
expansion news

Donor Profile
A. G. Bishop Trust supports the Flameworking Studio

During the construction, the FIA Magazine will continue with this section called Expansion News. This will include construction updates, images, and an up-to-date list of donors to the project. The expansion is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2017.

The FIA thanks the A. G. Bishop Trust for helping the Art School provide a studio for one of the most exciting and popular techniques that glass artists are using today.

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The expansion project includes converting the existing 3,960 sq. ft. exterior courtyard in the Art School into a covered, multi-purpose studio Makerspace for glassblowing, 3D art classes, and public demonstrations. The Art School is also adding a cold shop, a sculpture modeling studio, and a Flameworking Studio. Flameworking is a technique used by artists to create glassworks including beads, paperweights, and sculptures.

The Flameworking Studio is designed specifically to fabricate glass using torches. This specialized studio will be located on the second floor with appropriate specifications for electrical, gas, and ventilation. The studio will be equipped with fireproof steel tables, high-quality torches, kilns, and specialized tools. The natural synergy between the Flameworking and Glassblowing Studios will allow students in the Flameworking Studio to watch glassblowing and aesthetically stimulate them to incorporate techniques into their objects. Some of the most accomplished flamework artists frequently encase their works in molten glass, which requires a blowing facility. These new spaces will increase the FIA's ability to provide all methods of glassmaking to the community.

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expansion news

Contributions

Several major equipment purchases still need funding including glass furnaces, annealing ovens, elevator, seating, studio furniture, audio/video equipment, and gallery lighting. We wish to thank all those who have made contributions to the capital campaign so far. Our goal is an additional $1 million for equipment and $4 million of endowment to support the expanded operation.

Keep the flame burning with your contributions. Contact Kathryn Sharbaugh at ksharbaugh@flintarts.org, call 810.234.1695, or visit flintarts.org.

Expansion Project Endowment & Equipment Funds Contributors

Since 3.17.16 – 1.13.17

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In late fall of 2016, heavy equipment rolled onto the grounds of the FIA, so workers could begin clearing space for the museum’s highly anticipated Contemporary Craft wing, set to open later this year.
take-a-seat

Sponsoring a comfortable FIA Theater seat will support more than your lower back! Your sponsorship will also provide the FIA with essential funds for building the endowment and serve as a lasting tribute to the person, cause or occasion of your choice.

Please send in this form completed with your designation and the FIA will take care of the rest. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

Film fans Reverend P. Thomas Wachterhauser and Mrs. Beth Bravender Wachterhauser feel the FIA’s FOMA Film Series reflects the messages they placed on their recently purchased theater seats: “Art feeds the soul” and “Be artsy.” The couple knows that the series often offers Flint’s only opportunity to see foreign language cinematic offerings or catch a movie they might have missed in commercial theaters. They appreciate the insightful introductions FIA Film Curator Ed Bradley provides before the screenings, which add to their enjoyment of each selection they see.

The Flint Institute of Arts & the Junior League of Flint present the 18th annual

Wine Tasting Event
An Evening of Wine & Roses

Saturday • March 18
6:30p–7:30p • VIP Event
7:00p–9:00p • Main Event

Start your evening with something exceptional at the VIP Event. Enjoy a tasting of top shelf wines not available in the Main Event. Passed hors d’oeuvres will be provided by Flint’s popular wine bar, Cork on Saginaw.

At the Main Event, sample a first-class selection of exclusive international wines. This spectacular evening will also showcase gourmet fare and delicious desserts from local restaurants, presented in a world-class museum setting. Enjoy musical entertainment and stroll through the FIA galleries.

Returning is the very popular Wine Pull Raffle. Every $20 entry receives a number that corresponds to a mystery bottle of wine. The mystery wines vary by price and will include some rare and expensive wines.

Tickets
FIA & JLF Members
$75 for Main Event
$100 for VIP & Main Event
Non-Members
$100 for Main Event
$125 for VIP & Main Event

Return form to:
Take-A-Seat
Flint Institute of Arts
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Flint, MI 48503

For more information:
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at 810.234.1695 or
ksharbaugh@flintarts.org.
Each year, the Flint Print Club commissions an artist to produce a print to augment both the FIA's collection and the pursuit of personal collecting. The Club is limited to 100 members in good standing at the Family level or above. Flint Print Club dues are $250.00 annually, which provides each participating member with a selected print and related programs.

The FIA is excited to announce that the 2016 commissioned print by Stanley Casselman was so well received, only four remain! Don’t miss out on your opportunity to own Casselman’s first ever print, commissioned to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Flint Print Club. To find out more about the artist and his work, please visit stanleycasselman.com.

For more information about joining the Flint Print Club, please contact Valarie Allen at 810.234.1695 or via email at vallen@flintarts.org.

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- I am currently an FIA member at the $50 level or higher (see page 31 for levels).
- I would like to upgrade my membership or join the FIA at the $50 level or higher with an additional: $ __________
- $250.00 Flint Print Club dues

**Total Payment**

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**Profile**

**FIA Program Trains Future Museum Professionals**

Through its internship program, the FIA Curatorial Department creates professional opportunities for undergraduate- and graduate students seeking to enter the museum field. Several FIA interns have gone on to graduate programs in art history and have been employed by museums or art galleries. The internship is project-based so that the intern can begin and complete a task within a semester, which then can be listed as work product on their resume.

In summer 2016, Xuanrong Lu, a graduate student majoring in Arts Administration at the University of Michigan-Flint, interned with the department. Lu is from Guilin, China, with a scholarly interest in Chinese art. She curated the *Art of Jade* exhibition, now on view in the Ann K. Walch-Chan Gallery Decorative Arts Gallery (see pages 5–6). About her experience, Lu wrote, "Field practices at an institution like the FIA can be very beneficial for students majoring in art-related fields, and the experiences I've had in this museum has been especially meaningful. Collaborating with the FIA staff on the jade exhibition enabled me to go through the whole process of putting on an exhibition, from concept to installation. It also further enhanced my curatorial writing skills in English and my ability to put theoretical studies and object research into public art education via a logical narrative and visual presentation. The professional training, insightful discussions, and the care I received during my internship, all made the time I spent at the FIA, no doubt, among the most memorable in my life abroad."

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**Save the Date**

**JUNE 3, 2017**

**THE PARTY**

AN ARTRAGEOUS AFFAIR
Another long winter has passed, and even though it's still a bit chilly, it's time to celebrate the signs of spring! Days are longer, the sun is shining, tiny buds poke through the soil, and little birds are frantically gathering nesting materials. Youth members will design a bird house cottage along with the birds that might nest therein while learning about faux finishes and cottage history. This is a 2-hour project and participants must stay for the full time period. Free to Youth Members. Youth Memberships can be purchased in advance or at the door for $20 per child. Memberships include three activities per year.

### My Nest is Best

**April 15 • 1p–3p**  
Studio 7

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### Clay Animals & Space

To boldly go where no man has gone... Imagine you’re an alien or astronaut lost in space! You and your special one will take an imaginary trip, come back to Earth and create your very own alien, space rocket, and planets all out of clay. Come and get messy rolling, patting and pounding your space-tastic art!

Karyn Konkel, Instructor  
Tue (6 wks)  3/14-4/25  9:30a–11a  
No class 4/4  
Tuition $195 (20% off for FIA members) (ages 3–5)

### After School Clay Wheel Throwing/Hand Building

Together, parents and children will learn basic wheel throwing and hand building techniques to create a variety of functional bowls and cups decorated with colorful underglazes. Experienced students are free to explore and develop their skills with the direction of the instructor.

Karyn Konkel, Instructor  
Tue (6 wks)  3/14–4/25  4p–5:45p  
No class 4/4  
Tuition $214 (20% off for FIA members) (ages 6–12 with adult)

### 1-Day Workshop Celebrating “Women of a New Tribe” Through Drawing

Respond to imagery from this exhibition, or use your own photographs as reference material for drawing. You will learn to manipulate pastel and charcoal to re-create figurative images or more ethereal black-and-white subjects such as billowing clouds or smoke. With development of contrast and value, the illusion of 3D form comes to life on paper. Teens are welcome.

Rachel Reynolds, Instructor  
Fri (1 week)  3/10  10a–5p  
Tuition $128 (20% off for FIA members) (beginner, intermediate, advanced)

### 1-Day Workshop Linear Perspective in Drawing

This workshop will help you learn to better represent realistic space in your paintings and drawings. Essential principles of one-, two-, and three point perspective will be covered. The workshop will include exercises from rectilinear objects and photo references. Please, bring graphite pencils and drawing paper. Teens are welcome.

Alla Dubrovich, Instructor  
Mon (1 week)  3/27  12p–5p  
Tuition $53 (20% off for FIA members) (beginner, intermediate, advanced)
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.

March 1  
**Women: The Sculpture Diaries**  
The feminine form has inspired artists for thousands of years—but have the results done justice or injustice to women? What specifically does the history of sculpture tell us about attitudes toward womanhood and ideas of feminine beauty? 49 min.

March 8  
**Expressing the Inexpressible: Shirin Neshat**  
An acclaimed photographer, filmmaker, and video artist, Iranian-born Shirin Neshat addresses the complex forces shaping the identity of Muslim women throughout the world, and explores the social, political, and psychological dimensions of women’s experiences. 42 min.

March 15 - double feature  
**Faith Ringgold: Paints Crown Heights**  
Through folktales and painting, this documentary shows how 12 diverse cultures have contributed to the American spirit. 28 min.  
**Howardena Pindell: Atomizing Art**  
A passionate artist and social critic marries beauty with ugliness, right with wrong, justice with injustice. 28 min.

March 22 - double feature  
**Elizabeth Catlett: Sculpting the Truth**  
This program focuses on Elizabeth Catlett, an artist who sculpts the truth from wood, stone, and terracotta. 28 min.  
**Emma Amos: Action Lines**  
A dramatic palette includes materials such as photos, Emma Amos’ own weaving, and African cloth to help portray her feelings and fears. 28 min.

March 29 - double feature  
**Women in Allegory: Gender & Sculpture in Two Cities**  
From the Arc de Triomphe in France to the Lakshmana Temple in India, symbol-laden sculptural images of women abound. This program skillfully deconstructs the politically charged monuments from post-Revolutionary Paris and the ornamental temple sculptures from 11th century Khajuraho while contrasting the allegorical meanings ascribed by Western and Eastern cultures. 30 min.  
**Picturing the Genders: Male & Female Views of Women in Art**  
This documentary looks at women as artists, as subjects of paintings by both male and female artists, and the roles of, and discrimination against, women artists historically. 31 min.

April 5  
**Adventure of Photography: Portraitists/Nudes**  
A look at how photography has captured the image of the collective conscience over one and a half centuries. 60 min.

April 12  
**Finding Vivian Maier**  
Who was Vivian Maier? A mysterious and private woman who worked as a nanny for 40 years? Or was she the 20th century’s greatest street photographer? The answer is simple: she was both. 83 min.

April 19  
**Pedro E. Guerrero: A Photographer’s Journey**  
Discover the remarkable life and work of Pedro E. Guerrero (1917–2012), a Mexican American, born and raised in segregated Mesa, Arizona, who had an extraordinary international photography career. 60 min.

April 26  
**Disfarmer: A Portrait of America**  
In the small mountain town of Heber Springs, Arkansas, a portrait photographer known as Mike Disfarmer captured the lives and emotions of the people of rural America during the two World Wars and the Great Depression. 52 min.

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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 selection. Two weeks later, the book is discussed. These free programs are offered on Wednesdays at 1:30p.

**The Danish Girl**
By David Ebershoff

**Part I: Art Lecture**
March 22 • 1:30p

**Part II: Book Discussion**
April 5 • 1:30p

Isabel Hall

Set against the glitz and glamour of 1920s Copenhagen, Paris, and Dresden, this stunning first novel explores the boundaries of sex and gender, love and marriage, and the journey to become oneself. Loosely inspired by a true story, this tender portrait of marriage asks: What do you do when the person you love has to change? It starts with a question, a simple favor asked by a wife of her husband while both are painting in their studio, setting off a transformation neither can anticipate. Uniting fact and fiction into an original romantic vision, *The Danish Girl* eloquently portrays the unique intimacy that defines every marriage and the remarkable story of Lili Elbe, a pioneer in transgender history, and the woman torn between loyalty to her marriage and her own ambitions and desires. *The Danish Girl*’s lush prose and generous emotional insight make it, after the last page is turned, a deeply moving novel about one of the most passionate and unusual love stories of the twentieth century.

Free to the public

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Family programs

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

Baby Tours
March 19 • 2p
April 30 • 2p
See how your child responds to art and find out how to help them develop visual literacy skills. Parents and caregivers with infants up to 18 months of age are welcome to join these FREE 30-minute Baby Tours.
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Spring Break Special
April 3–7 • 1p–4p
FIA Galleries & Studio 1
Students will find fun, creativity, and inspiration while learning from firsthand interaction with works of art in our galleries and making their own art in our studios. Recommended for children ages 6 and up, but all are welcome.
Free to the public.

Storytime with Art
April 4 & 6 • 11a–12p
FIA Galleries & Studio 1
Look at and talk about artwork in our galleries, listen to a related storybook, and create a work of art of your own in the studio. Recommended for children ages 3–5, but all are welcome.
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**Alyssa Minatel**

**March/April Featured Artist**

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**Artist Reception**
March 12 • 1p–3p

Alyssa Minatel’s exhibition provides a glimpse into her medical field aspirations. This collection offers a departure from her plein air work, as seen at “Wet Paint Day,” and other professional or commissioned pieces. As an award-winning local artist, she enjoys experimenting with multiple mediums while staying true to her detail-oriented roots.

After participating in local art programs, she chose Kendall College of Art & Design, from which she will graduate in 2017 with a BFA in Medical Illustration. Her primary goal is to become an editorial artist, capturing anatomical accuracy and providing educational images for various medical applications.

This show combines her medical illustration studies with her love of the human body, utilizing her passion for both digital and traditional art forms. The artwork is created via digital painting and then printed on canvas. Once printed, traditional art materials, such as oil paint, are used to enhance various parts of the artwork.

Minatel seeks to demonstrate the endless possibilities available through this mix of digital and traditional art forms. Her femme fatale-inspired show features several pieces exemplifying the female figure and the beauty of the anatomy held within.

**Alyssa Minatel**

**Reflect (Work in Progress), 2017**
Oil, digital print on canvas
24 x 18 inches

**Gallery Hours**
Mon–Sat, 10a–5p
Sun, 1p–5p
or by appointment

**Gallery Contact**
810.237.7321

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