



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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## **Summer Nights Mean Late Nights at the FIA Curator tours, fashion films, and much more fill Friday nights**

Flint, MI – With summer in full swing, the Flint Institute of Arts is making one of its days longer, in part to accommodate those who can't visit the museum during traditional institution hours. Every Friday night through August 30, 2019, the museum is hosting "Late Night at the FIA," designed to expand both its operational hours as well as its programming, so that as many patrons as possible can enjoy what Michigan's second largest art museum has to offer.

This Friday, July 26, 2019, visiting glass artist Matt Eskuche presents a lecture in the FIA Theater as the Palette Café Patio offers visitors a chance to sip cocktails with their favorite canines during Tito's Yappy Hour, with all proceeds from alcohol purchases going to the Humane Society of Genesee County. Glassblowing demonstrations, sponsored by Huntington Bank, happen until 9:00 PM in the FIA's Hot Shop and all galleries are open for curious patrons to explore, with both audio and printed guides available.

Upcoming activities on Friday nights include screenings of *Iris*, a documentary about the quick-witted 98-year-old fashionista who has been a part of the New York fashion world for more than 60 years, and *Zoolander*, the 2001 comedy about gorgeous but none-too-bright models trying to stop an assassination, hands-on Make and Take activities, a curator-led tour of *Isabelle de Borchgrave: Fashioning Art from Paper*, and rolling artist demonstrations. For a complete list of dates and activities, please visit the FIA website: [flintarts.org](http://flintarts.org).

Buoyed by the 2018 Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage approval on August 7, 2018, the FIA took steps to ensure that all county citizens would have ready access to the benefits provided through the funding. "Late Night at the FIA" is designed with varying work schedules in mind and offers visitors of all ages something new each Friday evening, from oversized games on the patio to immersive experiences in both the galleries and the FIA Art School. Admission to "Late Night at the FIA" is free for all visitors. Food and beverages, including cocktails, wine, and beer along with soft drinks, are available for purchase in the Palette Cafe every night.

"Late Night at the FIA" happens every Friday night from 5:00-9:00 PM through August 30, 2019. All activities are free to all visitors, with special pricing on food and drinks. For more information about "Late Night at the FIA" programming, please contact Chene Koppitz, FIA Communications Coordinator, via email at [ckoppitz@flintarts.org](mailto:ckoppitz@flintarts.org) or by phone at 810.237.7387.

### **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](http://www.flintarts.org)