



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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FIA Art School LEGO Competition Celebrates Creative Play Event Features Hands-On Activities, Building Contest, and *The LEGO Batman Movie*

Flint, MI – Join the FIA Art School and fellow LEGO enthusiasts for the seventh annual LEGO Competition on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Flint Institute of Arts. Through the sponsorship of Barnes & Noble, Flint Area School Employees Credit Union, Dr. David Taylor, and Dr. Shawn Reiser, attendees of the free, family-friendly event can participate in, observe, and enjoy a variety of LEGO-focused activities throughout the Flint Institute of Arts.

Begun in 2012, the LEGO Competition celebrates and encourages creative play. From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., K-12 students may submit a unique LEGO sculpture to be displayed in Isabel Hall. All works entered will be juried starting at 3 p.m., culminating in the presentation of awards at 4 p.m. Awards for excellence will be presented in a variety of categories across all age groups, including most creative, most technically challenging, and people's choice. Selected works will be on display in the FIA Art School the week following the competition and awards include Art School scholarships, FIA memberships, Barnes & Noble gift cards, and LEGO kits.

Even those not entering a sculpture will be able to enjoy the LEGO-related fun, which includes guided LEGO building sessions led by the Michigan Therapeutic LEGO Users Group, open LEGO building in the Art School, LEGO-themed glass blowing in the Hot Shop, and a screening of *The LEGO Batman Movie* in the FIA Theater.

This free yearly event draws approximately 1400 visitors and is funded entirely by donations.

ABOUT THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

The Flint Institute of Arts is Michigan's second largest art museum and the fifth largest museum art school 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–Fri 12-5 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun 1-5 p.m. Admission to the FIA is free to members and children under 12; Adults are \$10; Senior Citizens and Students with I.D. are \$8. Saturday admission is free to all thanks to Huntington Bank. Saturday Hot Shop demonstrations are free through the generosity of McLaren Health Care.