



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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## **FIA Extends Hours, Provides More Accessibility Millage Funding Allows Earlier Opening Times**

Flint, MI – Due in part to the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage, the Flint Institute of Arts is extending its gallery hours as of Monday, October 7, 2019.

Beginning today, the FIA will open its galleries starting at 10 AM Monday through Friday. Previously, the galleries opened at 12 PM during the week, 10 AM on Saturday, and 1 PM on Sunday. While the weekend opening hours remain the same, the extended weekday gallery hours offer an additional 40 hours monthly for visitors to enjoy Michigan's second largest art museum.

"During our recent summer exhibition, *Isabelle de Borchgrave: Fashioning Art from Paper*, the FIA saw many new visitors, including many who had made lengthy trips. Several people arrived before our normal gallery hours, and we made every effort to accommodate them," noted FIA Executive Director John Henry.

"As an institution, this situation caused us to rethink our gallery hours to best serve our visitors. This extension continues the museum's commitment to making art available, approachable, and accessible to all."

In addition to the extended hours, the museum is creating morning-focused programming, including "Coffee with a Curator," which will allow attendees to share time with an FIA staff member. All museum strategies help advance the FIA's mission: to advance the understanding and appreciation of art for all through its collections, exhibitions, and educational programming.

### **ABOUT THE GENESSEE COUNTY ARTS EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT MILLAGE**

On August 7, 2018, Genesee County voters approved the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage. Monies raised through the millage provide annual dedicated funding through the Flint Cultural Center Foundation for the continuing support of the arts, education, and cultural enrichment for all residents of Genesee County. These institutions include Flint Institute of Arts, Flint Institute of Music, Flint Repertory Theatre, Flint School of the Performing Arts, Flint Symphony Orchestra, Sloan Museum, Longway Planetarium, Whiting Auditorium, Capitol Theatre, Friends of Berston, Greater Flint Arts Council, and the New McCree Theatre.

### **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.

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