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February 2017 Toledo Museum of Art Program Highlights

Exhibition Opening

Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic

Feb. 10-May 14, 2017, Levis Galleries (Galleries 26, 27)

Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic offers an overview of the first 14 years of the prolific artist's career. His signature portraits of everyday men and women riff on paintings by Old Masters, replacing European aristocrats in those paintings with contemporary black subjects and drawing attention to the absence of African Americans from historical and cultural narratives. The exhibition also features a selection from the artist's ongoing World State Project, which he started in 2006 by establishing a satellite studio in Beijing; several bronze portrait busts; and new stained glass "paintings." The touring exhibition is curated by the Brooklyn Museum. The Toledo showing is presented in part by Welltower with additional support from 2017 exhibition program sponsor ProMedica, KeyBank and the Ohio Arts Council. Free.

Continuing Exhibitions

The Libbey Dolls: Fashioning the Story

Through Feb. 12, 2017, Gallery 18

The Libbey Dolls, formerly known as the Doucet Dolls, were the product of the World War I aid effort. Purchased in 1917 by Toledo Museum of Art founder Edward Drummond Libbey, this collection of 78 fashion figures depict French style from 1893 to 1915. Prominent French couturier of the late 19th and early 20th centuries Jacques Doucet created their clothing, using inspiration from works of art by great French artists like Nicolas Lancret and Louis-Léopold Boilly, as well as drawings and engravings from late 19th-century fashion publications. *The Libbey Dolls: Fashioning the Story* explores the extraordinary history of this collection while showcasing French fashion design and the strong connection between fashion and the art world. Free.

Special Events and Presentations

FREE Reading: Novelist Tracy Chevalier

Feb. 2: 7 p.m., Great Gallery

Historical novelist Tracy Chevalier is known for weaving together new worlds from non-fiction, and never more fantastically than when she is addressing the great mysteries of art history. Known for her best-selling novel “Girl with a Pearl Earring” (adapted for the big screen in 2003), Chevalier’s writing takes readers to far-flung locales, from Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer’s 17th-century studio to a medieval Parisian court. Her most recent novel takes its cue not from art but from the Black Swamp. “At the Edge of the Orchard,” which Chevalier will share during the reading, follows a struggling family as they try to make it in Northwest Ohio. A book sale and signing will follow the reading. The program is presented by the Toledo Museum of Art with the Toledo Lucas County Public Library.

Fashioning the Story Family Tour

Feb. 5: 1 p.m., Meet at the Family Center

Children and their adult companions can take a guided exploration of *The Libbey Dolls: Fashioning the Story* exhibition and participate in hands-on activity, then enjoy a snack in the Cloister. Tickets are \$20 per pair for members and \$25 for non-members. Space is limited. Make reservations in advance by calling the information desks at 419-255-8000 ext. 7448 or by purchasing tickets at toledomuseum.org.

FREE Masters Series: Kehinde Wiley

Feb. 9: 6 p.m., Peristyle

Kehinde Wiley discusses his work prior to the opening of the Toledo Museum of Art showing of *Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic*, a major retrospective of the artist’s work. The touring exhibition is organized by the Brooklyn Museum, where it was first shown. Wiley’s signature portraits of everyday men and women riff on paintings by Old Masters, replacing European aristocrats in those paintings with contemporary black subjects and drawing attention to the absence of African Americans from historical and cultural narratives. The Masters Series is sponsored in part by the TMA Ambassadors. General admission is free. A limited number of priority tickets, which include seating in a reserved section and parking, are available for purchase in advance at <https://kehindewiley.eventbrite.com>. Tickets are \$25 each for Museum members and \$30 each for nonmembers. A preview of the exhibition for TMA members will follow the lecture. To become a member, visit <https://giving.toledomuseum.org/membership>.

FREE Teen Night

Feb. 10: 6-8 p.m., Throughout the Museum

High school students are invited to an open house-style event to celebrate the opening of the *Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic* exhibition. The evening will feature music by DJ Scholar in the Cloister, gallery games and food.

Flashlight Tours: *The Look of Love*

Feb. 11: 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Meet in the Museum Café

See the Toledo Museum of Art in a new light with your favorite someone after hours. TMA docents uncover stories of love across the ages in TMA works of art. This adult tour is preceded by drinks and appetizers in the TMA Café. For tickets, visit toledomuseum.org.

FREE AIA – Toledo Society 21st Annual Kurt T. Luckner Lecture: *Rare Survivors of Roman Mosaic Art: Portable Panels*

Feb. 17, 7 p.m., Little Theater

Ancient Romans' use of portable panels differs greatly from the uses of the more pervasive floor mosaics. But because these mosaic panels rarely survived, their themes are far less studied and understood. Join scholar and curator Christine Kondoleon as she explores the history behind these technically demanding, beautiful works. The lecture is presented by the Archaeological Institute of America-Toledo Society and the Toledo Museum of Art.

FREE *Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic* Exhibition Celebration

Feb. 18: 6-10 p.m., Main Museum

Embrace the colorful world of contemporary artist Kehinde Wiley during the celebration for the Museum's exhibition *Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic*. Enjoy music, a cash bar and performers drawn from the city's diverse creative community.

FREE GAPP Artist Talk: Shari Mendelson

Feb. 24: 7 p.m., GlasSalon

Shari Mendelson lives and works in Brooklyn. The winner of two New York Foundation for the Arts grants and a Pollock-Krasner Foundation award, she has had solo shows at Pierogi and Black and Herron Space. Her work also has been seen in group shows at Mckenzie Fine Art, Jancar Gallery, LA and The Brooklyn Museum. Mendelson often works in plastic to recreate the look of ancient glass. During her GAPP residency on Feb. 18-24 she will work to make a series of new mold-blown glass vessels that reference Roman glass from the first through sixth century. Referencing the Museum's own ancient glass collection, she will work in the studio with TMA glass artists.

After Hours Tour: Kehinde Wiley

Feb. 25: 5 p.m., Meet at the Plough Entrance

Participate in an after-hours guided exploration of Old Masters and hip-hop in the *Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic* exhibition. Tickets are \$10 per person for members, \$15 for non-members. Space is limited. Reserve your spot in advance by calling the information desks at 419-255-8000 ext. 7448 or by purchasing tickets at toledomuseum.org.

Films

FREE Art House Film: “Kehinde Wiley: An Economy of Grace”

Feb. 10: 7 p.m., Little Theater

Art House is TMA's ongoing Friday film series that presents feature films and full-length documentaries about artists and museums. “Kehinde Wiley: An Economy of Grace” (2014, 60 minutes) follows the artist as he embarks on a new project, a series of classical portraits of African-American women, something he's never done before. The film documents the project as

it unfolds, tracking Wiley's process from concept to canvas, casting his models on the streets of New York and enlisting Riccardo Tisci of Givenchy to create couture gowns for each woman. The Art House Film Series is supported in part by Ann and Joseph Pilkington.

Music Performances

FREE It's Friday! Music

Feb. 3: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Cloister

This monthly series presents some of the best musical artists of the region featuring a wide range of musical styles including jazz, pop, world and more. For more information, visit toledomuseum.org.

FREE Great Performances: Black History Month Celebration

Feb. 19: 3 p.m., Great Gallery

Soprano Margaret Barron, a local educator and community organizer, assembles an impressive array of Toledo performers to celebrate Black History Month.

FREE Thursday Music: Fifty Years of Music Themes

Feb. 23: 7 p.m., GlasSalon

Student musicians from the Toledo School for the Arts perform classic movie themes – James Bond, Star Wars, Jurassic Park and Hunger Games films to name a few – with their choices inspired by the TMA collection.

FREE Great Performances: Pianist Kate Boyd

Feb. 26: 3 p.m., Great Gallery

Pianist Kate Boyd performs selections by Clara Schumann, Johannes Brahms and others.

Wine by the Glass Pavilion

Enjoy four wines paired with hors d'oeuvres from 6:30-8:30 p.m. during It's Friday! at the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion. Tickets are \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers, plus tax, and are available for purchase during Museum hours by phone at 419-255-8000 ext. 7448 or in person at the information desks. It's Friday! is sponsored in part by Fifth Third Bank.

Feb. 10: Bubbles, Bubbles, Bubbles: Our Annual Valentine Celebration

Feb. 17: Best Bordeaux Beverages: Wines from Bordeaux, France

Feb. 24: Incredible Italian Introductions: Italian Wines You Should Try

Glass Art Workshops

Learn to create objects made of glass under the guidance of a Toledo Museum of Art instructor during a one-hour workshop at the Glass Pavilion. Open to Museum members and nonmembers alike, workshop participants during February will make hearts. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers each (no refunds). Members can purchase tickets in person or by phone during Museum hours starting the Tuesday before each session. Non-members can purchase

tickets starting on Wednesday before each session. Adults and children 14-plus accompanied by an adult are welcome. Call 419-255-8000 ext. 7448 to purchase tickets. For groups larger than four, please schedule a private session at least two weeks in advance. Contact the Glass Pavilion at 419-254-5771, ext. 7334 to arrange your private session.

Feb. 3: 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

Feb. 4: Noon and 4 p.m.

Feb. 5: 3 and 4 p.m.

Feb. 10: 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

Feb. 11: Noon and 4 p.m.

Feb. 12: 3 and 4 p.m.

Feb. 13: 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

Feb. 17: 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

Feb. 18: Noon

Feb. 24: 6 and 8 p.m.

Feb. 25: Noon and 4 p.m.

Feb. 26: 3 and 4 p.m.

Glass Art Workshop: Pick Your Project

A new addition to the Glass Art Workshops lineup, the Pick Your Project option lets you decide which glass object to make during a 90-minute session at the Glass Pavilion. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers each (no refunds). Members can purchase tickets in person or by phone during Museum hours starting the Tuesday before each session. Nonmembers can purchase tickets starting on Wednesday before each session. Adults and children 14-plus accompanied by an adult are welcome. Call 419-255-8000 ext. 7448 to purchase tickets. Options for Pick Your Project include creating an apple, bird, confetti paperweight, flower, fish, fortune cookie, mushroom or pumpkin.

Feb. 2: 6:30-8 p.m.

Feb. 9: 6:30-8 p.m.

Feb. 16: 6:30-8 p.m.

Feb. 23: 6:30-8 p.m.

FREE Public Tours

Meet Me at TMA

Meet Me at TMA is a 60-minute program designed for those with mild memory loss and their companions. Discuss the extraordinary story of the Libbey Dolls, French fashion design and the strong connection between fashion and the art world. Pre-registration is requested but not required. Call the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter at 1-800-272-3900 for more information or to register. The tour is sponsored in part by HCR Manor Care and Yark Automotive.

Feb. 4: 1 p.m.

Localeyes

Toledo community members, including artists, musicians and educators, partner with a TMA docent to guide a tour of art that has personally inspired them. Participant names are posted to toledomuseum.org/calendar at the beginning of the month.

Feb. 23: 6 p.m.

The Art of Seeing Art™

The language of the visual world – whether it’s seen inside or outside the galleries – can be a challenge to interpret. Join this gallery experience to see the details through thoughtful close looking and lively discussion. Meet in Libbey Court.

Feb. 3: 6 p.m.

Feb. 10: 7 p.m.

Feb. 17: 6 p.m.

Collection Highlights

The Toledo Museum of Art’s collection of more than 30,000 works of art ranks among the finest in the United States. Join this docent-led tour to discover important, popular and outstanding works of art, including paintings and sculptures in our galleries. Meet in Libbey Court.

Feb. 3: 7 p.m.

Feb. 10: 6 p.m.

Feb. 17: 7 p.m.

Feb. 24: 6 p.m.

Baby Tour

Watch your child respond to large colorful paintings and learn ways to facilitate early visual literacy skills during this lively 30-minute tour. Caregivers with infants up to 18 months are welcome. Meet outside the Family Center.

Feb. 10: 6 p.m.

Feb. 14: 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 24: 6 p.m.

Feb. 28: 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Tours

Toddler Tours provide multi-sensory experiences with works of art. Caregivers and their children ages 18 to 36 months are invited to participate in a hands-on tour at the Museum, engaging with interactive learning materials that help bring the work to life. Meet outside the Family Center.

Feb. 4: 3 p.m.

Feb. 9: 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 18: 3 p.m.

Feb. 23: 10:30 a.m.

FREE Glassblowing Demonstrations

All demonstrations are in the Glass Pavilion.

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Feb. 2: 8 p.m.
Feb. 3: 7 and 8 p.m.
Feb. 4: 1, 2 and 3 p.m.
Feb. 5: 1 and 2 p.m.
Feb. 9: 8 p.m.
Feb. 10: 7 and 8 p.m.
Feb. 11: 1, 2 and 3 p.m.
Feb. 12: 1 and 2 p.m.
Feb. 16: 8 p.m.
Feb. 17: 7 and 8 p.m.
Feb. 18: 1, 2 and 3 p.m.
Feb. 19: 1 and 2 p.m.
Feb. 23: 8 p.m.
Feb. 24: 7 and 8 p.m.
Feb. 25: 1, 2 and 3 p.m.
Feb. 26: 1 and 2 p.m.

FREE Family Center Activities

Family Center activities are designed for children up to the age of 10 accompanied by an adult. The Family Center is now open from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30-8 p.m. on Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The Family Center is sponsored in part by The Andersons.

Yarn Art!

Explore the many ways you can use yarn to create a masterpiece.

Feb. 2: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Feb. 3: 3:30-8 p.m.
Feb. 4: Noon to 5 p.m.

Sculpture!

Catch the last days of the exhibition *The Libbey Dolls: Fashioning the Story* and create your own sculpture inspired by what you see.

Feb. 5: Noon- to 5 p.m.
Feb. 7 and 9: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Feb. 10: 3:30-8 p.m.
Feb. 11: Noon to 5 p.m.

Art from the Heart!

Express your love in the written word or through symbols and tell us how much you love TMA!

Feb. 12: Noon to 5 p.m.
Feb. 14 and 16: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Feb. 17: 3:30-8 p.m.
Feb. 18: Noon to 5p.m

Posing for a Portrait!

Celebrate the opening of *Kehinde Wiley: A New Republic* and pose for a portrait while someone captures your likeness, using a wide variety of materials.

Feb. 19: Noon to 5 p.m.

Feb. 21 and 23: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Feb. 24: 3:30-8 p.m.

Feb. 25: Noon to 5 p.m.

Musical Soundscapes!

Feb. 26: Noon to 5 p.m.

Feb. 28 and March 2: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Family Center Visiting Artist: Woodward High School Orchestra

Students from the Woodward High School Orchestra will be the special guest artists and will perform in the Family Center.

Feb. 24: 6-7 p.m.

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NOTE: Events are subject to change. Check www.toledomuseum.org/calendar for updates. For more information or images, contact Public Relations Manager Teri Sharp at 419-254-5082 or tsharp@toledomuseum.org, or Marketing Communications Coordinator Alia Orra at 419-255-8000 ext. 7542 or aorra@toledomuseum.org.

The Toledo Museum of Art is a nonprofit arts institution funded through individual donations, foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, and investments. The Ohio Arts Council helps fund programs at the Toledo Museum of Art through a sustainability grant program that encourages economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. Admission to the Museum is free. Parking is free for members and \$7 for nonmembers.

The Museum is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.; and is closed Monday and major holidays. Thursday evening hours are sponsored by Huntington Private Client Group. Friday evening hours are made possible by Fifth Third Bank.