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November 2017 Toledo Museum of Art Program Highlights

Exhibition Opening

Glorious Splendor: Treasures of Early Christian Art

Nov. 18, 2017-Feb. 17, 2018

Christian art borrowed heavily from non-Christian traditions in terms of its techniques, media, style and iconography. *Glorious Splendor: Treasures of Early Christian Art* traces these continuities through the most remarkable objects of the period: precious stones, metals and jewelry. The exhibition will feature some 30 masterpieces of Late Roman art, most of which have never been exhibited before in a museum. Drawing on private collections and TMA's holdings, this exhibition will captivate viewers with its glittering gold and silver, stunning oversize carved garnets and rubies, and dazzling rings and necklaces. *Glorious Splendor: Treasures of Early Christian Art* is supported in part by Taylor Cadillac, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, the TMA Ambassadors, Mary Lynch Jarrell and Paul A. Jarrell, James and Gregory Demirjian, Sotheby's, Harold Jaffe Jewelers and the Ohio Arts Council, with additional support from 2017 Exhibition Program Sponsor ProMedica. Free admission.

Continuing Exhibitions

Fired Up: Contemporary Glass by Women Artists

Through March 18, 2018, Glass Pavilion Galleries 2 and 3

The discovery of glass as a serious artistic medium in the 1960s – sparked during the Studio Glass Movement that originated at the Toledo Museum of Art – was monumental. Yet in its earliest decades, women faced an uphill battle in their demand for fair recognition of their contributions and work. In *Fired Up: Contemporary Glass by Women Artists*, more than 50 objects showcase the women who now rank among the most innovative and celebrated glass artists. Drawn from the Toledo Museum of Art's renowned glass collection, with notable loans from private collectors, the works document nearly six decades of underappreciated influence, from the art that helped women forge a path in the Studio Glass Movement of the '60s to the ingenuity of 21st-century installations. The exhibition is sponsored by O-I; Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick; the Ohio Arts Council and with funds received in the memory of Dr. Edward A. and Mrs. Rita Barbour Kern. Free admission.

Drawn from Classicism: Modern Artists' Books

Through Dec. 10, 2017, Wolfe Mezzanine Gallery

This exhibition features a selection of modern *livres d'artiste* or limited edition, illustrated books and prints that were inspired by classical and mythological texts. Created largely by the French School of Paris artists that includes Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Aristide Maillol among others, these innovative and original prints highlight the artist book's importance as a vehicle to treat a range of Greek and Roman literary themes written by Ovid, Virgil and other classical poets and playwrights. With their classicizing designs of antique texts that focus upon themes of love, imaginary idyllic landscapes and human mortality, these illustrated books exemplify how major artists from the late 19th and early 20th century, through their imaginative reconnection to age-old narratives and mythological figures, metaphorically assert the aesthetic and personal values of western classical tradition. This exhibition display is drawn from the Toledo Museum of Art's permanent collection. Free admission.

Special Events and Presentations

FREE Veterans Glassblowing Day

Nov. 4: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Glass Pavilion

On Nov. 4, 2017, the Toledo Museum of Art is participating in Veterans Glassblowing Day, a national initiative whose mission is to provide United State military veterans and active duty personnel with a free opportunity to experience glassblowing. The intention is to expose members of the military to a potentially marketable skill, create joy through artistic expression and build community. For its part, the Museum will host a day of free hands-on glass experiences at the Glass Pavilion for veterans and those actively serving. These hands-on, hour-long classes will take place at 10 and 11 a.m. and 3 and 4 p.m. in the Glass Pavilion Hot Shop. To reserve a spot, call 419-255-8000 ext. 7448 during Museum hours. Free glassblowing demonstrations will take place at 1 and 2 p.m. in the Hot Shop and are open to the public.

FREE AIA-Toledo Society Lecture: Alexis Castor, *More than Glitter: Jewelry in Ancient Greece and Etruria*

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

Dr. Alexis Castor, associate professor of classics at Franklin and Marshall College, is a national Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and will be speaking on jewelry in Ancient Greece and Etruria. This lecture is presented by the AIA–Toledo Society and the Toledo Museum of Art in conjunction with *Glorious Splendor: Treasures of Early Christian Art*, which opens to the public Nov. 18.

Lecture: James Kendrick, *Darkness in the Bliss-Out*

Nov. 16: 5:30 p.m., Little Theater

James Kendrick, associate professor of film and digital media at Baylor University, sets the stage for the evening's screening of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* with a lecture drawn from his 2014 book *Darkness in the Bliss-Out: A Reconsideration of the Films of Steven Spielberg*. This lecture is a co-presentation of the Toledo Museum of Art and the University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film.

Featured TMA Women in Glass: Sten Neuber

Nov. 18: 1-5 p.m. and Nov. 19: noon-4 p.m., Glass Pavilion Hot Shop

In conjunction with the special exhibition *Fired Up: Contemporary Glass by Women Artists*, Toledo Museum of Art Glass Studio Artist Sten Neuber will be providing free glassblowing demonstrations Nov. 18 and Nov. 19.

FREE Films

Film: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977, 135 minutes)

Nov. 16: 7 p.m., Little Theater

Steven Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, one of the most intensely visual films ever made, was released to the public in 1977 on Nov. 16. This 40th anniversary screening is preceded by a lecture on Spielberg's films by visiting film scholar James Kendrick. The screening is a co-presentation of the Toledo Museum of Art and the University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film.

FREE Music Performances

It's Friday! Music: Lori Lefevre Quartet

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

Toledo-based jazz singer Lori Lefevre returns to TMA for a performance with her quartet. Friday Programs at the Toledo Museum of Art are supported in part by Fifth Third Bank.

Great Performances: BGSU Faculty Chamber Music Recital

Nov. 5: 3 p.m., Great Gallery

This recital features faculty members from the Bowling Green State University College of Musical Arts. Great Performances is supported in part by the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Fund.

EAR | EYE – Listening and Looking, Contemporary Music and Art

Nov. 10: 7 p.m., Glass Pavilion

In partnership with the doctoral program at Bowling Green State University's College of Musical Arts, TMA presents an ongoing performance and discussion series that explores the relationship of contemporary music and art through music performances in response to specific works of art. EAR|EYE is supported in part by the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Fund.

Great Performances: Transient Canvas

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

Praised by the Boston Globe as "superb," Amy Advocat and Matt Sharrock have been blazing their own trail as the bass clarinet/marimba duo Transient Canvas since 2011. In that time they have premiered more than 75 works, essentially creating an entirely new repertoire for their unique instrumentation. More information is available at transientcanvas.com. Great Performances is supported in part by the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Fund.

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. November's object is a glass gourd. Open to Museum members and nonmembers alike, tickets are \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers each (no refunds). Adults and children 14-plus accompanied by an adult are welcome. Visit toledomuseum.eventbrite.com to see availability and purchase tickets for sessions Friday through Sunday in November.

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. Adults and children 14-plus accompanied by an adult are welcome. Options for Pick Your Project include creating an apple, bird, confetti paperweight, flower, fish, fortune cookie, mushroom or pumpkin. Visit toledomuseum.eventbrite.com to see availability and purchase tickets for Thursday sessions in November.

FREE Public Tours

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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. All tours start at 6 p.m. in Libbey Court.

Nov. 2: Lexi Hayman-Staples, executive director of the Collingwood Arts Center and the Toledo Pride event director, with assistance from docent Frances Tsai

Nov. 16: Sarah Alfaham, a social worker, nonprofit manager and activist, with assistance from docent Mary Karazim

Nov. 30: Elizabeth Lane, the director of Toledo Hillel and the human behind the Instagram account [365.days.in.toledo](https://www.instagram.com/365.days.in.toledo), with assistance from docent Frances Tsai

Ask Me Hours

Look for docents wearing a red "Ask Me" button as they travel the galleries answering questions and engaging visitors in discussion about the art on view.

Saturdays: 2-4 p.m., Main Museum

Sundays: noon-2 p.m. and 2-4 p.m., Glass Pavilion

Public Tours

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24: 6 and 7 p.m.

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.

Meet Me at TMA

Nov. 4: 1 p.m., Herrick Lobby

A FREE monthly program designed to provide meaningful Museum visits for people experiencing the early stages of memory loss, their families, caregivers and friends. Connect music and art with an in-gallery performance by the Toledo School for the Arts' string ensemble and a lively discussion about related works of art. All tours are 45-60 minutes and begin at 1:00 p.m. at the indicated location. Registration is requested. For more information or to register, please call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.

Baby Tours

Nov. 3 and 17: 6 p.m.

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

Toddler Tours

Nov. 11 and 25: 3 p.m.

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 (like fabrics and wooden blocks) that help bring the work to life. The guided tours also include an in-gallery story experience. Meet outside Family Center.

FREE Glassblowing Demonstrations

All demonstrations are in the Glass Pavilion.

Nov 1: 2 p.m.

Nov 2: 2 and 8 p.m.

Nov 3: 2, 7 and 8 p.m.

Nov 4: 1 and 2 p.m.

Nov 5: 1 and 2 p.m.

Nov 7: 2 p.m.

Nov 8: 2 p.m.

Nov 9: 2 and 8 p.m.

Nov 10: 2, 7 and 8 p.m.

Nov 11: 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

Nov 12: 1 and 2 p.m.

Nov 14: 2 p.m.

Nov 15: 2 p.m.

Nov 16: 2 and 8 p.m.

Nov 17: 2, 7 and 8 p.m.

Nov 18: 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. (featuring TMA Woman in Glass: Sten Neuber)

Nov 19: noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. (featuring TMA Woman in Glass: Sten Neuber)

Nov 21: 2 p.m.

Nov 22: 2 p.m.

Nov 24: 2, 7 and 8 p.m.

Nov 25: 1, 2 and 3 p.m.
Nov 26: 1 and 2 p.m.
Nov 28: 2 p.m.
Nov 29: 2 p.m.
Nov 30: 2 and 8 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 open noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30-8 p.m. on Friday and noon-5 p.m. on Saturday.

Pipe Cleaner People and Pets!

Nov. 2: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Nov. 3: 3:30-8 p.m.
Nov. 4: noon-5 p.m.
Twist and bend pipe cleaners into all sorts of fun shapes and sizes.

Triptychs!

Nov. 5: noon-5 p.m.
Nov. 7 and 9: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Nov. 10: 3:30-8 p.m.
Nov. 11: noon-5 p.m.
Create a triptych- a series of three panels meant to be displayed together.

Mosaic!

Nov. 12: noon-5 p.m.
Nov. 14 and 16: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Nov. 17: 3:30-8 p.m.
Nov. 18: noon-5 p.m.
Create your own mosaic using a wide variety of supplies.

Family Portraits!

Nov. 19: noon-5 p.m.
Nov. 21: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Nov. 24: 3:30-8 p.m.
Nov. 25: noon-5 p.m.
Design a beautiful frame to hold your family portrait in.

Family Fun Day!

Nov. 24: noon-3 p.m., Main Museum

Hands on Activity: Museum Memories – Family Photos and Frames!

Noon-2 p.m.

Take a family portrait at TMA and decorate a frame to go along with it.

Drawing in Galleries

1-3 p.m.

(Family Center opens for regular hours 3:30-8 p.m.)

Family Center Visiting Artist: Heather Ballmer Meyer

Nov. 24: 6-7 p.m.

Join Heather Ballmer Meyer in the Family Center to discuss some fun and simple concepts for getting the most out of a group or family portrait photography. Just like her photo shoots, Heather promises to keep it light and entertaining, with tips for both children and parents alike.

Gems and Jewels!

Nov. 26: noon-5 p.m.

Nov. 28 and 30: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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NOTE: Events are subject to change. Check toledomuseum.org/calendar for updates.

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.