



NEWS RELEASE

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December 2017 Toledo Museum of Art Program Highlights

Holiday Hours:

Dec. 24: Noon-5 p.m.

Dec. 25: Closed

Dec. 31: Noon-5 p.m.

Jan. 1: Closed

Pop-Up Museum Café Hours

Dec. 26 and 27: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dec. 28 and 29: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Dec. 30: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dec. 31: Noon-4 p.m.

Enjoy a special menu, prepared by TMA Executive Chef Joe Felix, in the Peristyle Lobby.

Continuing Exhibitions

Glorious Splendor: Treasures of Early Christian Art

Through Feb. 18, 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.

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 Curator Talk: Adam Levine, *Glorious Splendor: Treasure of Early Christian Art*

Dec. 2: 2 p.m., Little Theater and Gallery 18

Exhibition curator Adam Levine (TMA Associate Director and Associate Curator of Ancient Art) will discuss the *Glorious Splendor* exhibition. After his Little Theater presentation, Levine will conclude the program in the exhibition.

FREE Colloquium: *Late Antique Art and Local Micro-Identities*

Dec. 8: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Little Theater

The study of late antique art – art produced in the Mediterranean region from the third to eighth centuries – has become increasingly popular over the past several decades. However, scholars have tended to consider the art of the period in terms of the push and pull of competing “umbrella” traditions, the classical heritage of Greece and Rome and the three great monotheistic traditions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. While these “umbrella” traditions are productive categories of inquiry, their use has had the tendency to obscure the specific contexts of the production of and responses of viewers to particular art works and monuments in different parts of the late antique Mediterranean. People of the period did not only self-identify as Roman, Persian or Goth, or as Christians, Jews or Muslims, but held complex and constantly changing combinations of affiliation based upon their circumstances and life experiences that, though impossible to reconstruct in full, can nonetheless be interrogated through an analysis which combines the tools of art history and anthropology. Undertaken in conjunction with the

exhibition *Glorious Splendor: Treasures of Early Christian Art*, this colloquium will interrogate and reconstruct these “micro-identities” and unpack how they influenced the production and interpretation of late antique artworks. *Late Antique Art and Local Micro-Identities* is generously supported by The Ferrell Family Fund and the Dorothea L. Leonhardt Foundation with additional support from Bowling Green State University.

FREE AIA-Toledo Society Lecture: Kenton Williams, *A City and a Mother in Israel: Excavations at Ancient Tel Abel Beth Maacah*

Dec. 8: 7 p.m., Little Theater

Dr. Kenton Williams (Research Associate at Trinity International University) will speak about his excavation in Israel.

Free GAPP Artist Talk: Linda Lopez

Dec. 15: 7p.m., GlasSalon

GAPP Artist, Linda Lopez will discuss her artwork and participation in the Museum’s glass residency program. Lopez received a BFA from California State University, Chico and an MFA from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Lopez has exhibited her work in New Zealand and throughout the United States including Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville; Robischon Gallery, Denver; Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach; The Clay Studio, Philadelphia; and the Jane Hartsook Gallery at Greenwich House Pottery, New York. She has been an artist in residence at The Clay Studio and the Archie Bray Foundation. In 2016, Lopez received the Lighton International Artist Exchange Program Grant to be an artist-in-residence at C.R.E.T.A. Rome Residency Program. She is represented by Mindy Solomon Gallery in Miami, FL. Her Guest Artist Pavilion Project Residency takes place Dec. 8-18.

The Great Art Escape

Dec. 26-31, Throughout Museum

The Toledo Museum of Art comes alive during its annual winter celebration The Great Art Escape. Bring family and friends to celebrate the season with a diverse array of events and Toledo and regional performance groups that fill the galleries, Glass Pavilion and Peristyle. Live performances, storytelling, tours, glassblowing demonstrations, and Art Hours are among the many events planned over the holiday break. The Great Art Escape is sponsored in part by Taylor Cadillac and supported in part with funds received in the memory of Dr. Edward A. and Mrs. Rita Barbour Kern.

A daily schedule and links for online registration are available at toledomuseum.org/events/great-art-escape/.

FREE Great Art Escape Live Performance

2 p.m., Peristyle

Dec. 26: Free Great Art Escape Family Films, Peristyle

Dec. 27: JP Dynasty

Dec. 28: Ardan Academy of Irish Dance

Dec. 29: El Corazon de Mexico Ballet Folklorico

Dec. 30: Dancers of Aha! Indian Dance

Dec. 31: Greater Toledo International Youth Orchestra, joining the festivities for the first time this year

FREE It's Friday! Music: The Antivillains

Dec. 29: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Cloister Gallery

Local favorites The Antivillains return for their annual holiday performance in the Cloister Gallery.

FREE Dutch Cabinet Organ Performance

1 p.m., Gallery 24

Dec. 26: Dennis Blubaugh

Dec. 27: Martha Esbin

Dec. 28: Nancy Russell

Dec. 29: Susan Craig

Dec. 30: Gladys Rudolph

Dec. 31: Dr. Pamela Stover

FREE Glass Percussion Performances in the Glass Pavilion: Rela Percussion

Dec. 26: 11 a.m., GlasSalon

Dec. 28: 7 p.m., GlasSalon

Dec. 30: 11 a.m., GlasSalon

FREE Ask Me Hours

Dec. 26-29

Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and noon-2 p.m., Main Museum

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.

FREE Glassblowing Demonstrations

All demonstrations are in the Glass Pavilion

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Dec. 28: 1, 2, 3, 8 p.m.

Dec. 29: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 p.m.

Dec. 30: 1, 2, 3 p.m.

Dec. 31: 1, 2, 3 p.m.

Family Friendly Yoga

GlasSalon

Dec. 26: 1 p.m.

Dec. 28: 10 a.m.

Our youngest visitors and their grown-ups are invited to explore the creative aspects and experience the meditative qualities of this ancient practice. Led by a local yoga instructor, Jenn McCullough, participants will be taught fun poses that are inspiring, invigorating and calming, with a view of the winter landscape in the GlasSalon. Bring your own yoga mat.

Family Workshops

Painting Together (ages 3-10 with adult)

Dec. 27: 10 a.m.-noon

Sculpt It! (ages 3-10 with adult)

Dec. 28: 1-3 p.m.

Explore your imagination and creativity as a family! After viewing works in the Museum's galleries, children and their adult partners will work together to create original artwork inspired by the collection. Sign up for one or both of these project-focused workshops and get a taste of TMA's studio art classes. Limited seats available, register early. Tuition for one workshop: \$20 members / \$25 nonmembers for one adult/one child. Register online or by calling 419-255-8000 ext. 7363 during Museum hours.

Family Flashlight Tours

Dec. 26 and 27: 4 p.m.

Say "goodnight" to the Museum and take a family-friendly after-hours tour. Guided by a docent, all visitors will be given a flashlight to see works of art in a new way – in the dark! Family group tickets are \$20 for members or \$35 for nonmembers, individual tickets are also available, and space is limited; reserve your spot in advance by calling the information desks at 419-255-8000 ext. 7448 or by purchasing tickets online at toledomuseum.eventbrite.com starting Dec. 1.

FREE Giant Chess

Great Gallery

Dec. 26-31: all day

Bring along family, friends and try to checkmate among the grandest works of art. Created in the Family Center by Justin Overholt with the help from Jones Leadership Academy Chess Club, Family Center Visitors and other community members.

FREE Drawing in the Galleries

Dec. 26-31: 1-3 p.m., Great Gallery

Using the TMA Collection as inspiration, join us as we draw in the galleries during the Great Art Escape! Facilitated by an art instructor, all drawing supplies provided. No experience necessary. All ages welcome.

FREE Handmade Holidays in the Family Center

Dec. 26 and 28: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dec. 27: Special Holiday Hours 12-3 p.m.

Dec. 28: Special Extended Hours 10-5 p.m.

Dec. 29: 3:30-8 p.m.

Dec. 30 Noon-5 p.m.

Dec. 31: Noon-5 p.m.

Make your own handmade gift to give to your loved ones during this holiday season.

FREE Family Center Visiting Artist: Claire Schaefer

Dec. 29: 6-7 p.m.

Do you like to collect things? Come join Art Educator Claire Schaefer in the Family Center to discover creative ways to keep a record of your treasures and collections.

FREE Films

Film: *Andrei Rublev* (1966, 205 minutes)

Dec. 15: 6-9:30 p.m.*, Little Theater

A stunning depiction of faith as well as being one of the greatest movies ever made about an artist, Andrei Tarkovsky's epic masterpiece is a sweeping medieval tale of Russia's greatest icon painter. Too experimental, too frightening, too violent, and too politically complicated to be released officially, *Andrei Rublev* was suppressed by the Soviet government upon the film's release in 1966 and has existed only in shortened, censored versions until this complete 205-minute director's cut. The Art House Film Series is supported in part by Ann and Joseph Pilkington.

*Please note that due to the length of the film, the start time is 6 p.m.

FREE Music Performances

It's Friday! Music: Jacob Sigman

Dec. 1: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Cloister

Singer/Songwriter/Multi-Instrumentalist Jacob Sigman combines influences of Motown, Soul and Contemporary Pop music to create something both new and familiar. Friday Programs at the Toledo Museum of Art are supported in part by Fifth Third Bank.

Great Performances: University of Toledo Concert Chorale

Dec. 3: 3 p.m., Great Gallery

This recital features the University of Toledo Concert Chorale directed by Brad Pierson (UT Director of Choral Activities). *Great Performances* is supported in part by the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Fund.

Great Performances: Rejoice Handbell Choir

Dec. 8: 7 p.m., Peristyle

The Rejoice Handbell Choir of Olivet Lutheran Church in Sylvania returns for its ever-popular performance of holiday favorites. *Great Performances* is supported in part by the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Fund.

Great Performances: Sono Novo, Drawn from Classicism

Dec. 10: 3 p.m., Wolfe Gallery

Toledo-based chamber ensemble Sono Novo returns to TMA with a concert inspired by *Drawn from Classicism*, an exhibition that features a selection of illustrated books and prints by early 20th century artists who were inspired by classical and mythological texts, including Picasso, Matisse, and Maillol. The music will reflect a similar return to these texts by composers of the period, many of whom worked with these artists. *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 blown ornament. 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 December.

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 at 6:30 p.m. in December.

FREE Public Tours

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

Dec. 14: Shawn Messenger, glass artist and co-proprietor of Schmidt Messenger Studios, with assistance from docent Mary Karazaim

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

Dec. 26-29 special hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and noon-2 p.m., Main Museum

Public Tours

Dec. 1: 8, 22: 6 and 7 p.m.

Dec. 15: 6 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: *Glorious Splendor: Treasures of Early Christian Art*

Dec. 2: 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. Take a closer look at a dazzling array of Late Roman masterpieces from private collections and TMA holdings, most of which have never been exhibited before in a museum. All tours are 45-60 minutes and begin at 1 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

Dec. 1 and 15: 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

Dec. 9 and 23: 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

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Dec. 1: 2, 7, 8 p.m.

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Dec. 3: 1, 2 p.m.

Dec. 5: 2 p.m.

Dec. 6: 2 p.m.

Dec. 7: 2, 8 p.m.

Dec. 8: 2, 7, 8 p.m.

Dec. 9: 1, 2, 3 p.m.

Dec. 10: 1, 2 p.m.

Dec. 12: 2 p.m.

Dec. 13: 2 p.m.

Dec. 14: 2, 8 p.m.

Dec. 15: 2, 7, 8 p.m.

Dec. 16: 1, 2, 3 p.m.

Dec. 17: 1, 2 p.m.

Dec. 19: 2 p.m.

Dec. 20: 2 p.m.

Dec. 21: 2, 8 p.m.

Dec. 22: 2, 7, 8 p.m.

Dec. 23: 1, 2, 3 p.m.

Dec. 24: 1, 2 p.m.

Dec. 26: 1, 2, 3 p.m.
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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.

Gems and Jewels!

Dec. 1: 3:30-8 p.m.
Dec. 2: Noon-5 p.m.

Celebrate the opening of the exhibition *Glorious Splendor* and create a sparkly work of art using gems and jewels.

Glass Collage!

Dec. 3: Noon-5 p.m.
Dec. 5 and 7: 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Dec. 8: 3:30-8 p.m.
Dec. 9: Noon-5 p.m.

Inspired by the exhibition *Fired Up!* in the Glass Pavilion, create a collage using images of glass art.

Treasure Boxes!

Dec. 10: Noon-5 p.m.
Dec. 12 and 14: 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Dec. 15: 3:30-8 p.m.
Dec. 16: Noon-5 p.m.

Decorate a box to contain your gems and jewels and other treasure.

First Days of Winter!

Dec. 17: Noon-5 p.m.
Dec. 19 and 21: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dec. 22: 3:30-8 p.m.
Dec. 23: Noon-5 p.m.

Celebrate the first days of winter and create a snowy work of art.

Handmade Holidays! Special Holiday Hours

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Make your own handmade gift to give to your loved ones during this holiday season.

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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.