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The Great Art Escape Returns Dec. 26-31 to the Toledo Museum of Art

TOLEDO, Ohio – The Toledo Museum of Art’s holiday tradition continues this year. The Great Art Escape offers a number of special programs planned for Dec. 26-31. Bring family and friends to this annual event for live performances, art activities, flashlight tours and more. While enjoying these outstanding programs, visitors can also explore TMA’s current exhibitions, *Glorious Splendor: Treasures of Early Christian Art* and *Fired Up: Contemporary Glass by Women Artists*.

The 2017 Great Art Escape is sponsored in part by Taylor Cadillac and with funds received in the memory of Dr. Edward A. and Mrs. Rita Barbour Kern. Here is a day-by-day schedule of events, many of which are free to the public:

Tuesday, Dec. 26

10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Free Activities: Handmade Holidays! Family Center

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Free Family Center Activities: Giant Chess, Great Gallery

11 a.m.: Free Glass Percussion Performance in the Glass Pavilion: Rela Percussion, GlasSalon

1, 2 and 3 p.m.: Free Glassblowing Demonstrations, Glass Pavilion

1 p.m.: Family Friendly Yoga, GlasSalon

1 p.m.: Free Dutch Cabinet Organ Performance: Dennis Blubaugh, Gallery 24

1-3 p.m.: Free Drawing in the Galleries, Great Gallery. No experience necessary. All ages welcome!

2 p.m.: Free Great Art Escape Family Films, Peristyle

4 p.m.: Family Flashlight Tours, Meet in Herrick Lobby

Family group tickets are \$20 for members or \$35 for nonmembers, individual tickets are also available.

Space is limited, purchase tickets online at toledomuseum.eventbrite.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

10 a.m.: Family Workshops (ages 3-10 with adult), Classrooms

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.

- [Painting Together Online Registration](#) (Ages 3-5 with adult)
- [Painting Together Online Registration](#) (Ages 6-10 with adult)

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Free Family Center Activities: Giant Chess, Great Gallery

12-3 p.m.: Free Activities: Handmade Holidays! Family Center

1, 2 and 3 p.m.: Free Glassblowing Demonstrations, Glass Pavilion

1 p.m.: Free Dutch Cabinet Organ Performance: Martha Esbin, Gallery 24

1-3 p.m.: Free Drawing in the Galleries, Great Gallery. No experience necessary. All ages welcome!

2 p.m.: Free Great Art Escape Live Performances: JP Dynasty, Peristyle

4 p.m.: Family Flashlight Tours, Meet in Herrick Lobby

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Thursday, Dec. 28

10 a.m.: Family Friendly Yoga, GlasSalon

10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Free Activities: Handmade Holidays! Family Center

10 a.m.-9 p.m.: Free Family Center Activities: Giant Chess, Great Gallery

1, 2, 3 and 8 p.m.: Free Glassblowing Demonstrations, Glass Pavilion

1 p.m.: Free Dutch Cabinet Organ Performance: Nancy Russell, Gallery 24

1-3 p.m.: Free Drawing in the Galleries, Great Gallery. No experience necessary. All ages welcome!

2 p.m.: Free Great Art Escape Live Performances: Ardan Academy of Irish Dance, Peristyle

6:30 p.m.: Glass Art Workshops: Pick Your Project, Glass Pavilion

Tickets are \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers. Adults and children 14+ accompanied by an adult are welcome. 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.

7 p.m.: Free Glass Percussion Performance in the Glass Pavilion: Rela Percussion, GlasSalon

Friday, Dec. 29

1 p.m.: Free Dutch Cabinet Organ Performance: Susan Craig, Gallery 24

1-3 p.m.: Family Workshops (ages 3-10 with adult), Classrooms

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.

- [Sculpt It Online Registration](#) (Ages 3-5 with adult)
- [Sculpt It Online Registration](#) (Ages 6-10 with adult)

1-3 p.m.: Free Drawing in the Galleries, Great Gallery. No experience necessary. All ages welcome!

1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 p.m.: Free Glassblowing Demonstrations, Glass Pavilion

2 p.m.: Free Great Art Escape Live Performances: El Corazon de Mexico Ballet Folklorico, Peristyle

3:30-8 p.m.: Free Family Center Activities: Handmade Holidays! Family Center

3:30-9 p.m.: Free Family Center Activities: Giant Chess, Great Gallery

6 p.m.: Free Family Center Visiting Artist: Claire Schaefer, Family Center

6, 7, and 8 p.m.: Glass Art Workshops: Blown Glass Ornament, Glass Pavilion

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6:30-8:30 p.m.: Free It's Friday! Music: The Antivillains, Cloister Gallery

Saturday, Dec. 30

10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Free Family Center Activities: Giant Chess, Great Gallery

11 a.m.: Free Glass Percussion Performance in the Glass Pavilion: Rela Percussion, GlasSalon

Noon-5 p.m.: Free Family Center Activities: Handmade Holidays! Family Center

Noon and 4 p.m.: Glass Art Workshops: Blown Glass Ornament, Glass Pavilion

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1, 2, and 3 p.m.: Free Glassblowing Demonstrations, Glass Pavilion

1 p.m.: Free Dutch Cabinet Organ Performance: Gladys Rudolph, Gallery 24

1-3 p.m.: Free Drawing in the Galleries, Great Gallery. No experience necessary. All ages welcome!

2 p.m.: Free Great Art Escape Live Performances: Dancers of Aha! Indian Dance, Peristyle

Sunday, Dec. 31

Noon-5 p.m.: Free Family Center Activities: Handmade Holidays! Family Center

Noon-5 p.m.: Free Family Center Activities: Giant Chess, Great Gallery

1, 2, and 3 p.m.: Free Glassblowing Demonstrations, Glass Pavilion

1 p.m.: Free Dutch Cabinet Organ Performance: Dr. Pamela Stover, Gallery 24

1-3 p.m.: Free Drawing in the Galleries, Great Gallery. No experience necessary. All ages welcome!

2 p.m.: Free Great Art Escape Live Performances: Greater Toledo International Youth Orchestra, Great Gallery

3 p.m.: Glass Art Workshops: Blown Glass Ornament, Glass Pavilion

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adult are welcome. 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.

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: 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

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

Museum Holiday Hours:

Dec. 24: 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Dec. 25: closed

Dec. 31: 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Jan 1: closed

Family Center Holiday Hours:

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.

Visit toledomuseum.org for more information.

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Note: Events are subject to change. Consult the calendar at toledomuseum.org for the latest information. For images or other assistance, contact Emily Rippe-Desmond, public relations manager, at 419-255-8000 ext. 7301 or edesmond@toledomuseum.org, or Stephanie Elton, marketing communications manager, at 419-255-8000 ext. 7428 or selton@toledomuseum.org.

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Admission to the Museum is free. 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 Wealth Advisors. Friday evening hours are made possible by Fifth Third Bank.

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. For general information, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit toledomuseum.org.