



MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

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FREE FIRST THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 5, 5–9 P.M.

Montclair Art Museum Offers Free Admission, Art Activities, Tours, Live Music, and a Full-Service Bar the First Thursday of the Month

April Edition Partners with Bring It To The Table for a Participatory Conversation

MONTCLAIR, NJ, March 16, 2018— Enjoy a night out at the Montclair Art Museum (MAM) with free general admission, live music, art activities and tours, dynamic seasonal programming, and a full-service bar at Free First Thursday Night, April 5, 5–9 p.m.! Free First Thursday Nights are made possible by TD Bank.

This month Montclair Art Museum is partnering with Talking Eyes Media for a participatory event to promote open conversation about issues that typically tear us apart. Hosted by Montclair filmmaker Julie Winokur, this program is based on her documentary film, [Bring It To The Table](#), in which she travels the country with a small table and invites people from all walks of life to sit down and share their beliefs on everything from economic inequality to immigration, from gay marriage to gun control. Participants will have the opportunity to have their voice heard, learn from others why they believe what they believe, and work together to help find a constructive path forward. To volunteer for this exciting night of dialogue and active listening, contact studio@talkingeyesmedia.org or visit <https://bringit2thetable.org/bring-it-at-mam> for more information and to sign up. No experience is necessary; just bring an open mind. This Bring It To The Table event is made possible by a generous donation by concerned citizens and members of the MAM community Lisa and Bill Westheimer.

As always, Free First Thursday Night also presents a variety of art forms and invites visitors to get creative themselves!

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- Enjoy live jazz music with the sweet sounds of the Silver Fox Songs Quartet!
- Get up and dance with an interactive movement demonstration inspired by upcoming performances of Alvin Ailey at New Jersey Performing Art Center/NJPAC
- Take a tour of the special traveling exhibition *Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist* at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- Join the Yard School of Art for a Draw Along Workshop offering a free drawing session with a clothed model and guided art instruction for all ages.
- New! Teen Space welcomes teens with a free open studio, 7–9 p.m.

The Free First Thursday Night bar offers a variety of drinks, including NJ Beer Co. beer, the exclusive beer of Free First Thursday Night. Museum members receive a discount on drinks at the bar. Guests can also grab a bite from featured food vendors including The French Quarter food truck.

The Berkshire Hathaway Home Services gallery, located across the street from the Museum at 695 Bloomfield Ave, will host a concurrent reception for the exhibition of The Montclair 10, a selection of works by artists from the Montclair Art Museum staff. The exhibition includes over a dozen works in a range of media by ten artists: Benedetta Balsimelli, Dan Fenelon, Nanci Ionvino, Martha Kelshaw, Peg Kenselaar, Susan Marx, Elizabeth Seaton, Earl Speid, Lisa G. Westheimer, and Aggie Wszolkowska. The exhibition will be on view through May 13, 2018.

Free First Thursday Nights take place the first Thursday of the month (October–June) from 5 to 9 p.m. Highlights in the spring season include a flamenco demonstration with Admission Nation in May and the Pictures Concert, a collaboration with NJ Arts Collective, in June.

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Social Media

Visitors are encouraged to share their First Thursday Night experiences on social media. Find the Museum on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat @MAMmontclair and share your experience with #MAMfftn and #bringit2thetable.

Businesses

Have a creative business or activity you'd like to present at Free First Thursday Nights? Please email us a description at thursdays@montclairartmuseum.org.

About the Montclair Art Museum (MAM)

The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) boasts a renowned collection of American and Native American art that uniquely highlights art making in the United States over the last 300 years. The Vance Wall Art Education Center encompasses all the Museum's educational efforts, including award-winning Yard School of Art studio classes, lectures and talks, family events, tours, and the mobile MAM Art Truck. MAM exhibitions and programs serve a wide public of all ages, from families and seniors to artists, educators, and scholars.

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Gallery & The Store at MAM Hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 12–5 p.m.

Free First Thursday Nights: 1st Thursday of the month (October–June), 5–9 p.m.

Student & Senior Fridays: 1st Friday of the month, 12–5 p.m. Free admission for students and seniors with valid ID

Admission:

FREE members

\$12 nonmember adults

\$10 veterans, seniors, and students with valid ID

FREE children under 12

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