

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**HIGH MUSEUM OF ART ANNOUNCES FIRST FRIDAYS**

New program launches in October with special performances, art making and more on the first Friday of every month

ATLANTA, Sept. 12, 2016 – On Oct. 7, 2016, the High Museum of Art will launch [First Fridays](#), a new program on the first Friday of every month from 6 to 9 p.m.

Each month will offer music and art-making workshops hosted by Indie Craft Experience plus entertainment ranging from dance and theatre performances to films, artist talks and gallery tours. All galleries and exhibitions will be open for viewing, and drinks and light bites will be available for purchase.

“First Fridays add yet another option for visitors to enjoy wonderful art, music and more at the High,” said Erin Dougherty, head of public programs and community engagement. “The variety of programming each month will include something for everyone—whether you’re planning a girls’ night out, a company get-together, or a great date night.”

Activities at upcoming First Fridays include the following:

October 7

- Take a spooky, haunted tour of the High’s permanent collection with Serenbe Playhouse.
- Hear a panel discussion about artist Ronald Lockett, followed by the opportunity to view the special exhibition “[Fever Within: The Art of Ronald Lockett](#).”
- Enjoy music by DJ Kemit.
- Join the Indie Craft Experience for an art-making workshop.
- Decorate a mini-pumpkin for the season.
- Visit the exhibition “[Arbus, Avedon, and Winogrand: Photographs from the Collection](#)” for a gallery talk.
- Sketch a live model on the piazza.

November 4

- Get in the election spirit with the “Ballots and Ballet” theme.
- See a performance by Atlanta Ballet’s Wabi Sabi.
- Vote for favorite works of art in the collection.
- Create a “campaign” button for your favorite work of art in a DIY workshop.

December 2

- Experience the joy of giving back with a canned-goods drive.

- Construct a gingerbread house and watch artists and architects design their own.
- Make wrapping paper to personalize your holiday gifts.

First Fridays are included with Museum admission and free for members. For more information, visit high.org.

In addition to First Fridays, the High offers [Friday Jazz](#) concerts on the third Friday of every month.

Calendar listing:

First Fridays

First Friday of every month

6 to 9 p.m.

High Museum of Art

Thank goodness it's Friday at the High Museum of Art! Every first Friday count on drop-in art-making, live performances, and drinks from 6 to 9 p.m. Part art party, part happy hour—it's like a very cultured pre-game at the Museum.

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www.high.org

About High Museum of Art

The High is the leading art museum in the southeastern United States. With more than 15,000 works of art in its permanent collection, the High Museum of Art has an extensive anthology of 19th- and 20th-century American art; a substantial collection of historical and contemporary decorative arts and design; significant holdings of European paintings; a growing collection of African American art; and burgeoning collections of modern and contemporary art, photography, folk and self-taught art, and African art. The High is also dedicated to supporting and collecting works by Southern artists. Through its education department, the High offers programs and experiences that engage visitors with the world of art, the lives of artists and the creative process. For more information about the High, visit high.org.

About the Woodruff Arts Center

The Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta, Ga., is one of the largest arts centers in the world, home to the Tony Award-winning Alliance Theatre, the Grammy Award-winning Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) and the High Museum of Art, the leading art museum in the Southeast. One of the only arts venues in the United States to offer both visual and performing arts on a single campus, The Woodruff produces outstanding theater, music and exhibitions for nearly one million patrons each year. Through the combined efforts of the Alliance, the ASO and the High, The Woodruff also offers remarkable educational programming, with close to 200,000 students taking part annually, making The Woodruff the largest arts educator in Georgia.

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