



MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

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FREE FIRST THURSDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 7, 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, 5–9 p.m.**

**Last Chance to See Fall Exhibitions for Free,
Newark Boys Chorus Holiday Performance,
Yard School of Art Open House,
Holiday Trunk Show, and More**

MONTCLAIR, NJ, November 15, 2017— 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, December 7, 5–9 p.m.! Free First Thursday Nights are made possible by TD Bank.

Discover the art of Montclair's own Philemona Williamson in ***Metaphorical Narratives***, her first major museum exhibition, and see stormy skies, cool breezes, and sunbursts like never before in ***Charles E. Burchfield: Weather Event***. Take tours of the exhibitions at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. or ask questions from one of the roaming docents. This is the last free chance to see these exhibitions before they close January 7, 2018.

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

- Enjoy live music in the galleries with **Jesse Posa**, leading Frank Sinatra impersonator and Sinatra lookalike.
- Hear **Newark Boys Chorus** in a special holiday performance, 6:15 p.m.

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- Be inspired by a **reading of poems** inspired by the works of Charles E. Burchfield with Robert Carnevale, 7 p.m. Carnevale's poems have appeared in *The Paris Review*, *The New Yorker*, *The Literary Review*, and various other publications.
- Stop by the **Yard School of Art Open House** to meet with MAM's professional teaching artists and get started on New Year's resolutions by registering for a winter class. See a live Raku firing demonstration (weather permitting).
- Watch an **origami demo** with teen artist Edward Misretta. This Yard School of Art student will create and display some incredible and intricate creations.
- See paintings by 20 local residents who participated in a watercolor and gouache class offered by the Montclair Institute for Lifelong Learning (MILL) through MAM's Creative Aging Initiative. The ***Celebrate the Season*** exhibition also includes a collection of holiday notecards, sales of which raise funds for future MILL programming.
- 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.
- Do all your holiday shopping in The Store at MAM. Discover unique gifts in the **Holiday Trunk Show** featuring artisan-made brushed alpaca scarves and throws, Terra Glassworks, Stephanie Wolf jewelry, Native American Pottery, and Christina Stankard gemstone necklaces. Save more with the **Members' Double Discount Sale** December 1–31 (20% off regularly priced items; does not include consignment). Pick up a **gift membership** for everyone on your list and enjoy artful outings together all year long.
- New! Capture the fun with an official MAM photo to share on social media.

The Free First Thursday Night bar is once again presented in partnership with Krug Catering at Orange Lawn Tennis Club. Try new signature cocktails, wine selections, and 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.

Free First Thursday Nights take place the first Thursday of the month (October–June) from 5 to 9 p.m. **There will be no Free First Thursday Night in January; the event will return February 8**, the second Thursday in February, to spotlight MAM's new exhibition *Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist*. For an up-to-date schedule of upcoming Free First Thursday Nights, visit montclairartmuseum.org/thursdays. Highlights in the spring season include a celebration of Black History Month with MAM's African American Cultural Committee in

February, a PechaKucha Night featuring brief 6 1/2 minute slideshow presentations by women artists with the Visual Arts Center of NJ in March, NJPAC dance demonstration in April, Admission Nation flamenco demonstration in May, and the Pictures Concert, a collaboration with NJ Arts Collective, in June.

Holiday Trunk Show in The Store at MAM

Artisan-made Brushed Alpaca Scarves and Throws

Discover the softness of natural organic fibers of the Andes Mountains in a spectrum of colors and designs with these beautiful brushed alpaca scarves and throws. Artisan-made using traditional weaving methods from South America fused with contemporary fashion trends, these richly colored scarves and throws exude heritage and timeless style for personal wear and home accents.

Terra Glassworks

Glassblower Matthew Clark creates all of his work in his Portland, Oregon studio using traditional free-hand glassblowing techniques. Inspired by his love of ceramics, he explores how clay forms may be translated into glass.

Stefanie Wolf Jewelry - Gold Leaf and Fringe Collections

Following great success in The Store at MAM with her ocean-inspired Trilogy Collection, Stefanie Wolf's Gold Leaf and Fringe Collections are inspired by metalwork such as antique chains, findings, and locket. Each piece is handcrafted in her Martha's Vineyard studio.

Native American Pottery

Native American Navajo Indian clay pottery is hand painted with symbols from Native heritage. Highly desired by artists and collectors, this beautiful handcrafted pottery is created in the famous four corners area of the Navajo Nation, in Native homelands. Each piece is an original work of art signed by the artist.

Christina Stankard Gemstone Necklaces

Back by popular demand! Christina began her career as a painter and brings that sensibility to her delicate and lyrical jewelry. Her focus is on unusual gemstones and color paired with modest yet elegant design.

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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 seniors and students with valid ID

FREE children under 12

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