



MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

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FREE FIRST THURSDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 8, 5–9 P.M.

**Montclair Art Museum Offers Free Admission,
Art Activities, Tours, Live Music, and a Full-Service Bar**

**February Edition Moved to the SECOND Thursday to Feature New Special Exhibition
*Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist***

**February Program Includes NEW MAM After Hours Premium Experience,
Art Meets Jazz with Oliver Lake**

MONTCLAIR, NJ, January 25, 2018—Montclair Art Museum (MAM) has moved its popular Free First Thursday Night event to the second Thursday of the month, **February 8**, 5–9 p.m. to spotlight the new special exhibition *Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist*. In addition to the regular monthly program, featuring free general admission, live music, art activities, and tours, the Museum will also offer the premium **MAM After Hours** experience, **Art Meets Jazz with Oliver Lake**, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Free First Thursday Night, February 8, 5–9 p.m.

FREE

Free First Thursday Night presents a variety of art forms and invites visitors to get creative themselves! Free First Thursday Nights are made possible by TD Bank.

- Enjoy live music in the galleries with **Bern & The Brights**, Montclair-based electro dream pop duo
- Honor Black History Month with tours of African American artists now on view in the Museum's permanent collection

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- 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.
- New! Capture the fun with an official MAM photo to share on social media.
- Try new signature cocktails, wine selections, and NJ Beer Co. beer, the exclusive beer of Free First Thursday Night, at the bar in partnership with Krug Catering at Orange Lawn Tennis Club. Museum members receive a discount on drinks at the bar.
- Grab a bite from featured food vendors, including the Empanada Guy food truck.

MAM After Hours: Art Meets Jazz, February 8, 7–9 p.m.

\$20 Members/\$25 Nonmembers

Take a musical journey with MAM, presented in partnership with MAM’s African American Cultural Committee and co-sponsored by Montclair Chapter of The Drifters, Inc.

The artistic scope of renowned saxophonist, composer, painter, and poet **Oliver Lake**’s half-century-long career is unparalleled. Lake’s breadth of disciplines can be traced back to his formative years with the Black Artists Group, the innovative St. Louis collective of musicians, poets, dancers, and painters he helped establish over 50 years ago. An extensive resume of his collaborations includes work with the Brooklyn Philharmonic, Flux String Quartet, Bjork, Lou Reed, A Tribe Called Quest, Mos Def, Me’shell Ndegeocello, Anthony Braxton, James Blood Ulmer, William Parker, Vijay Iyer, Reggie Workman, Andrew Cyrille and a veritable who’s who of the jazz vanguard. On February 8, Oliver Lake will join other internationally-recognized jazz masters Pheeroan AkLaff and Santi Debriano in their debut performance at the Montclair Art Museum. They will traverse an enormous jazz vocabulary on the fly and in unexpected ways that reveal its seemingly limitless possibility. Between sets, the artists will speak about their artistic journeys.

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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.

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.

Address: 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042

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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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