

TACOMA ART MUSEUM

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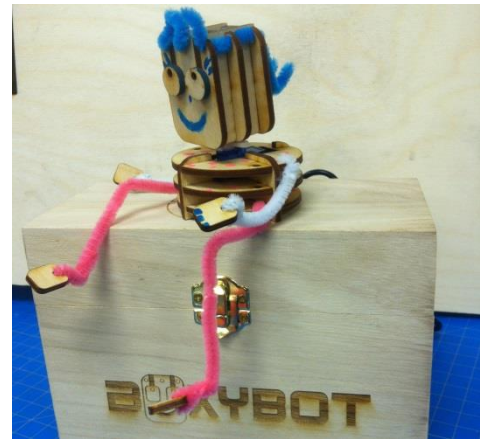
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KICK OFF SUMMER FUN WITH A FREE ART MAKER FAIRE AND I-SCREAM SOCIAL AT TACOMA ART MUSEUM

Tacoma, WA — Dive into summer fun at [Tacoma Art Museum](#) with two special events. Up first is the free [Art Maker Faire](#), an evening filled with art-making stations sponsored by local organizations, tasty food truck cuisine, and DJ music on Thursday, June 16, from 5 – 9 pm.

“Our first Art Maker Faire is a terrific opportunity for TAM to partner with many of the innovative creative venues in Tacoma. We’re inviting the community to get to know those organizations through this lively evening at TAM,” said Samantha Kelly, Director of Education at TAM. “Art Maker Faire is designed to be an all-ages event where visitors can be active and experimental with art.”



Dynamic creative talent from Tacoma will host demonstrations and maker stations, including:

[Tacoma Tool Library](#) – Step into the sewing station and try your hand at sewing your own creation.

[Kris Crews Interactive Video Art](#) – Participate in an interactive video art piece!

[Tinkertopia](#) – Visit the tinker table to create mixed-media masterpieces.

[SPUN](#) – Sit down at a potter’s wheel and experience the sensory and kinetic art form of ceramics.

[The Tshirt Men](#) – Watch the process of screen printing first hand. Select a Tacoma-themed or Seahawks design to create your own custom t-shirt (\$7.00 with your own shirt, \$12.00 if you purchase a blank).

[FabLab](#) – See the Makerbot Replicator 3D Printer at work. Watch the process of capturing a 3D scan and preparing it for 3D printing. Several DIY kits will also be available for purchase, ranging from \$25-\$80, including Boxybots, Lasercut Solar Panel Purse Kits. For \$20, participate in the on-site competition to create your own DIY VR goggles; 1st Place will win a Free Laser Cutting/Engraving Class at FabLab, 2nd and 3rd place win FabLab T-Shirts, and all participants will be able to bring their designs home.

[1120 Creative House](#) – Watch artist Delia Gable as she creates real-time drawings of the activity in the museum. Visitors can also continue the fun at 1120 Creative House after Art Maker Faire ends, and see more work by local artists.

[Ken Jacobsen](#) – Have you ever heard electric cello? This is your chance! Multitalented musician Ken Jacobsen will play in TAM's lobby during the Art Maker Faire.

Be sure to check out the activities in the TAM Studio, too. “We’re excited to help visitors explore processes and media related to the works on view in the exhibition [What’s New at TAM](#). We’ll guide them through paper cutting inspired by the works of Charlene Liu and Maki Tamura, and make found object art inspired by the multi-media art of Marita Dingus,” says Britt Board, TAM’s Community Engagement Manager.

Visitors who are 21 and older can relax at the beer garden on TAM Cafe’s outdoor patio and try NW Nauhaus ESB, the latest signature collaboration between TAM and [Harmon Brewing Co.](#), along with other refreshing Harmon brews. [DJ Midnight Mike](#) is a local favorite and he’ll bring the beats; wear dancing shoes.

[Lumpia World](#) and [VietNom Nom](#) food trucks will park in Tollefson Plaza, across from the museum’s Pacific Avenue entrance, offering flavorful Asian fusion and Vietnamese foods.



Art Maker Faire is not the only exciting June event at TAM. The community is encouraged to celebrate the first day of summer at TAM’s [I-Scream Social](#), Tuesday, June 21, from 11 am – 2 pm. This free activity is inspired by the exhibition [Edvard Munch and the Sea](#). Indulge in a scoop of all-natural, homemade Sea Salted Caramel or vanilla ice cream, generously provided by Tacoma’s [Ice Cream Social](#). Add the bright hues of the season to artistically-inspired coloring pages. Travel back to 19th century Norway with an “angsty” selfie using props and a backdrop that recreate Munch’s 1896 print, *Angst*.

With museum admission (free for members), visitors can view *Angst* among many other Munch prints and Andy Warhol’s tribute to Munch’s most iconic work, *The Scream*. A cool scoop of delicious, homemade, local ice cream (one per person), coloring, and selfie activities are free, no admission required.

Kick off the sunny season at TAM with these artful summer experiences.

For further details, see www.TacomaArtMuseum.org/events.

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Get dirty at SPUN Clay Arts Studio and Art Gallery, image courtesy of SPUN.

Edvard Munch (1863-1944), *Angst*, 1896. Color lithograph, 16½ × 15⅞ inches. Epstein Family Collection, EFC 061.0. Photo by Philip Charles. © 2016 Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.

About Tacoma Art Museum

Celebrating 80 years, Tacoma Art Museum is an anchor in the city's downtown and a gathering space for connecting people through art. TAM's collection contains more than 4,700 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader western region. The collection includes the largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on continued view; the most significant collection of jewelry by Northwest artists; key holdings in 19th century European and 20th century American art; and one of the finest collections of Japanese woodblock prints on the West Coast. In 2014, TAM welcomed a gift of 295 works of western American art in the Haub Family Collection, one of the premier collections in the nation and the first major western American art museum collection in the Northwest. The Haub gift also included \$20 M for new galleries and endowed funds. In January 2016, TAM announced the gift of the Benaroya Collection, including 225 works of art. The Benaroya gift also includes nearly \$14 M in funding for new gallery space to showcase the collection and an endowment for a dedicated curator and care of the collection. The Haub Family Galleries opened in 2014; the Benaroya addition is expected to open in fall 2018.

HOURS – Tuesdays–Sundays 10 am – 5 pm

ADMISSION – Adult \$14; Student age 6-17, Military, Senior (65+) \$12; Family \$35 (2 adults and up to 4 children under 18).

Children 5 and under free. **Third Thursdays free from 5–8 pm.** Members always free.

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