

# TACOMA ART MUSEUM

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## NEW TEEN COUNCIL PROGRAM AT TACOMA ART MUSEUM

Tacoma, WA — [Tacoma Art Museum](http://TacomaArtMuseum.org) (TAM) is proud to announce the launch of a brand new program, [Teen Art Council](#). The program puts youth in the lead, asking them to apply their unique perspectives in developing new programs for fellow teens on Third Thursdays and for two annual Teen Nights. Who better than teens to plan programs *for* teens?

As part of the TAM education department's multi-year initiative to better serve middle and high school students, Teen Art Council is the next step, building upon TAM's youth programs such as Art After School, Youth Connect, and Business of Art. These successful programs engage youth in collaborative art-making, introduce them to creative careers, and build critical thinking skills.

The Teen Art Council will include twelve youth who are interested in engaging other high school students around art and contemporary issues. These young museum leaders will develop innovative and lively events to shift the way teens think about museums, and the way museums think about teens. Members of the council are eligible to receive volunteer service hours through their participation. Artists, change-makers, and outside-the-box thinkers who are entering grades 10–12 are encouraged to apply. [Applications](#) are due by Friday, July 1, 2016 (details at [www.TacomaArtMuseum.org/events](http://www.TacomaArtMuseum.org/events)). Required training will take place Thursday and Friday, August 18-19, 10 am-5 pm. The council will meet twice a month from September, 2016 through June, 2017.

Among its many goals, Teen Art Council aims to serve the community by positively engaging youth during their out-of-school time, and empowering them to think strategically about their future career plans. Teen Art Council will expose youth to museum careers and build TAM's capacity to offer paid internships for high school students in the future. Through this pathway, TAM will help to develop the next generation of museum professionals among a passionate, diverse group of youth who believe in the power of museums to connect people through art.

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Students at work in Tacoma Art Museum's youth programs. Photo courtesy of Tacoma Art Museum.

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**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.

**HOURS** – Tuesdays–Sundays 10 am–5 pm

**ADMISSION** – Adult \$14; Student (6-17), Military, Senior (65+) \$12; Family \$35 (2 adults and up to 4 children under 18). Admission rates will increase by \$1.00 effective July 1, 2016.

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

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