

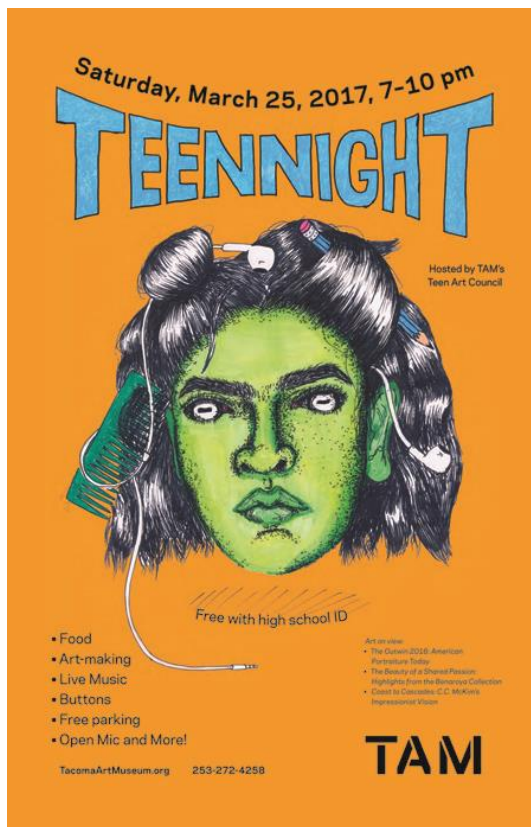
# TACOMA ART MUSEUM

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## Teen Night at Tacoma Art Museum: Dancing, screen printing, open mic and more!



Tacoma, WA – The [Teen Art Council](#) at Tacoma Art Museum ([TAM](#)) is gearing up to present its second [Teen Night](#). Teens will have exclusive domain in the museum for a night of connecting through art. The March 25 event is designed by teens for teens, and runs from 7 – 10 pm.

Teen Night at TAM is free and open to all high school students with ID. Parking in the TAM lot is also free (Note: Free spaces are marked with “TAM”).

Activities at Teen Night will bring to life [The Outwin 2016: American Portraiture Today](#). This exhibition comes from the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery and includes 43 of the nation’s most notable contemporary works in portraiture. It is drawn from a triennial competition, and the works on view won selection from among 2,500 entries! The portraits reflect a wide range of current concerns and many of the portraits are of youth, so teens will certainly find something to connect with in this exhibition. Teen Art Council members will present brief Tacoma Talks to

share about their favorite portraits during the evening.

In addition to seeing this diverse and relevant exhibition, what else can teens do at the event? Show off dance moves with live music, collaborate with friends to make larger-than-life art, snap selfies, and more! And where there are teens, there is food to fuel all the creative fun. Doors open at 7 pm for this lively event.

### Ongoing activities from 7–10 pm include:

- Live Music
- Open Mic
- Photo Booth

- DIY Button Making
- Poster screen printing
- Collaborative Mural Painting
- Tacoma Talks
- Food

This program is supported by KeyBank and Russell Investments and depends on donor support. If you are interested in supporting this program please contact Michelle Paulus, Manager of Corporate and Foundation Relations, at 253-272-4258 x3060 or [MPaulus@TacomaArtMuseum.org](mailto:MPaulus@TacomaArtMuseum.org).

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### About Teen Art Council

Teen Art Council creates a space for young people to share their voices, opinions and suggestions with TAM. Eleven dedicated students from high schools across the Tacoma metro area meet twice a month to immerse themselves in exhibitions, plan programs for teens, cultivate Tacoma's creative community, and exercise TAM's mission of connecting people through art. Selected through a competitive application process, these teens described how "art is a lifeline," yet as young people, they often feel "shut out from the arts" in their community.

[Click here to learn more about the Teen Art Council](#) or contact Christina Westpheling, Educator for Youth Learning, at [CWestpheling@TacomaArtMuseum.org](mailto:CWestpheling@TacomaArtMuseum.org).

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### About Tacoma Art Museum

Tacoma Art Museum is an anchor in the city's downtown and a gathering space for connecting people through art. TAM's collection contains nearly 5,000 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 continuous view; the most significant museum 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 included \$20 million for new galleries and endowed funds. The Haub Family Galleries opened in 2014. In January 2016, TAM announced the gift of the Benaroya Collection, including 225 works of art. The

donation also includes nearly \$14 million in funding for new gallery space to showcase the collection and an endowment for a dedicated curator and care for the collection. The Benaroya wing is expected to open in fall 2018.

**HOURS** – Tuesdays–Sundays 10 am–5 pm, Third Thursdays 10 am–8 pm;  
Third Thursdays free from 5-8 pm.

**ADMISSION** – Adult \$15, Student/Military/Senior (65+) \$13, Family \$40 (2 adults and up to 4 children under 18). Children 5 and under free. Members always free.

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