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**Opening Doors to Art Experiences  
TAM Adds Free Admission in Celebration of  
National and International Museum Day to Its Access Opportunities**

April 30, 2019 (Tacoma, WA) — In celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Museum Day and in partnership with the International Council of Museums (ICOM)'s International Museum Day, Tacoma Art Museum will offer free admission to everyone on Saturday, May 18.

"When we welcome the community on May 18, we also welcome new art works in multiple places throughout the Museum," noted David F. Setford, Executive Director.



Among the refreshed pieces include artwork by Michael Brophy, James Carpenter, Dale Chihuly, Ka'ila Farrell-Smith, Joe Feddersen, Dan Friday, Josiah McElheny, Dominick Lambino, Charlie Parriott, Ginny Ruffner, Laura de Santillana, Dana Vachtova, and Toots Zynsky.

"As Tacoma's art museum, we aim to connect all areas of our community through art and continually explore ways to break

down financial barriers to the museum experience," added Setford. In addition to free admission on Saturdays May 18, TAM is also free to mothers on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12; free for children 17 and under every Saturday; and provides completely free admission on Neighborhood Nights every Thursday night from 5-8 pm.

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Daniel Friday (Lummi Nation, born Seattle, Washington, 1975), *Aunt Fran's Cedar Basket*, 2018. Blown and woven cane mosaic glass, 12 1/2 x 12 x 11 inches. Courtesy of the artist and Stonington Gallery, Seattle. Photo: courtesy of the artist

Charles Parriott (born Norwalk, Connecticut, 1952), *Tin Man*, 1998. Cast glass, 19 x 7 x 6 inches. Tacoma Art Museum, Museum purchase with funds from Anne Gould Hauberg, 2004.24.3



#### **About Tacoma Art Museum**

Celebrating over 80 years, Tacoma Art Museum is an anchor in Tacoma's downtown with a mission of connecting people through art. TAM's collection contains more than 5,000 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader Western region, 25% of which consists of studio glass. The collection includes the largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on permanent view; the most significant collection of studio art 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 2012, TAM received a gift of more than 300 works of western American art from the Haub Family Collection, one of the premier such collections in the nation and the first major western American art museum collection in the Northwest. The Haub family also contributed \$20 million for an endowment and expansion completed in 2014. In January 2019, TAM inaugurated the Rebecca and Jack Benaroya Wing which features the extensive Benaroya Collection of studio glass as well as TAM's own collection of studio glass, which was started in 1971. TAM is located in the heart of Tacoma's vibrant Museum District which consists of six museums including the Museum of Glass, a frequent collaborator.

**HOURS** - Tues-Sun 10 am-5 pm; FREE Neighborhood Nights every Thursday 5-8 pm

**ADMISSION** - \$15 Adult, \$13 Student/Senior (65+), \$40 Family (2 adults and up to 4 children under 18), Children 5 and under free every day. Children 17 and under free every Saturday. TAM Members; active duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families always free.

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