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## Celebrating Back to School with the Teens and Teachers of Tacoma

August XX, 2019 (Tacoma, WA) — Tacoma Art Museum provides a myriad of art education opportunities to Tacoma/ Pierce County students and teachers to use the power of art to fuel learning. As families head back to school, TAM will be offering teacher workshops as well as multiple places for Tacoma teens to enjoy their art museum. Additionally, TAM has been nominated for three Teeny Awards.

"Tacoma's youth are our community's future and we are so excited to engage teens and teachers through the arts," noted David F. Setford, TAM's Executive Director.

The TAM Teen Art Council, a group of eleven students who work to develop and produce teen-centered programs and activities, is busy planning Teen Night to be held on Friday, October 18 from 7-10 pm. This free teen-only event for youth age 13-18 opens the entire museum for gallery activities, music and dance performances, art-making sessions, photo ops and dancing.

TAM will be present two unique workshops for teachers this fall. On Thursday, September 12, TAM will host a free Educator Evening where teachers can learn how to support students learning with a sneak peek of this year's programs, including mini-tours. On Thursday, September 26, TAM Teach, our professional teacher training program, will present a workshop on supporting LGBTQ students through art led by TAM staff and partners from [My Purple Umbrella](#). Participants will engage in dialogue about best practices, explore how artists express their identities, and build community with fellow educators.

The Teeny Awards will be presented by [Teen Tix](#) on Saturday, September 28 and TAM has been nominated for three awards: the Best Museum Award, the Best Exhibition Award for *In the Footsteps of My Ancestors: Jaune Quick-to-See Smith* which was on view March 9- June 30, 2019 and the In Your Backyard Award for *Native Portraiture: Power and Perception* currently on view.

Finally, TAM continues to provide free admission to all youth every Saturday and free access to all Tacoma School District high school students year-round.

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

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