

## **Winter Programs and Events from Tacoma Art Museum Digital Offerings Connect Community Through Art**

January 13, 2021 (Tacoma, WA)— Even though the doors remain temporarily closed at Tacoma Art Museum (TAM), there are a wide variety of ways to experience art, learn more about exhibitions, and celebrate our community online this winter. In February, TAM is excited to premiere its first ever online exhibition, *Painting Deconstructed: Selections from the Northwest Collection*. Drawing from the Museum's Northwest collection, this exhibition takes a deep dive into the art of painting, exploring the core components that come together to create a final image. The online exhibition will be followed by the physical installation of the works which will then be on extended view. From new virtual exhibition offerings to programs that explore the museum's collection and exhibitions in new and exciting ways, our communities can continue to find joy and hope through the arts with TAM.

### **Tacoma Light Trail**

5pm-9pm, through January 24, Free

TAM is part of the first ever Tacoma Light Trail, a free trail of light art downtown! Stop by TAM to view a recording of TUPAC's Urban Nutcracker through the museum's windows. The trail is walkable or drivable with each light art location accompanied by music or poetry. Check out installations by over 50 artists and spaces in over 25 locations, visible 5-9pm every night from Dec. 30-Jan. 24. Learn more and download a map – [www.tacomalighttrail.org](http://www.tacomalighttrail.org)

### **Cocktails with Curatorial**

5:30pm, January 27, Online

Calling all animation fanatics! We are taking a flashback to July 2019. Join TAM for our second episode of Cocktails with Curatorial to hear all about how TAM brought Bart Simpson to Tacoma. The event will feature special guest animation cel collector Bill Heeter who lent the works to the exhibition. From the design of the concept to the opening of the exhibition, some of our key curatorial members will reveal it all. We will be spotlighting our friends at Little Radio in downtown Tacoma who will be offering a tasty cocktail kit that will make your taste buds dance. The evening will kick off with a mixologist demonstration to get your beverage mixed and ready for the conversation. TAM's Interim Chief Curator, Margaret Bullock will join Bill to talk about how the concept and plans for the exhibition evolved. Finally, TAM's Head Preparator & Exhibition Designer, Ben Wildenhaus will show off his skills in the design process and the completed installation. You don't want to miss this "behind the scenes" opportunity! The registration deadline to receive a cocktail kit is January 22—make sure to reserve a kit before they are sold out! To register for the event, visit [tacomaartmuseum.org](http://tacomaartmuseum.org)

### ***Painting Deconstructed: Selections from the Northwest Collection* Opening**

Saturday, February 13, Online

Tacoma Art Museum is excited to announce the opening of its first online exhibition, *Painting Deconstructed: Selections from the Northwest Collection*. The exhibition explores one of the most popular and familiar art forms and the ways in which artists continue to find new ways to combine basic elements into uniquely personal expressions. Featuring approximately 50 works of art created by artists of color and female identifying artists from the Museum's Northwest collection, this exhibition highlights a number of the multi-talented painters from our region.

*Painting Deconstructed* takes a deep dive into the art of painting by focusing on the core components like medium, composition, and technique, which come together to create a finished image. While drawing attention to the technical artistry behind a finished painting viewers are also encouraged to go below the surface and more deeply consider how their personal experience of the work is shaped by the artist's choices.

Find out more at <http://www.tacomaartmuseum.org>

### **Weekly Art Inspiration Online**

Ongoing, Online, Free

### Experience our Exhibitions Online

Experience a selection of TAM galleries and exhibitions from the comfort of your own space!

### Online Collection Database

TAM has much of our permanent collection available online. Click around, create your own exhibition, and learn more about artwork.

### TAM at Home Art Making Videos

Enjoy making art at home based on works of art from TAM's permanent collection.

### Mindfulness Meditations with Hien Hong

TAM invites you to slow down and meditate with works of art from TAM's permanent collection. These meditations are guided by Hien Hong, a yoga and mindfulness teacher working in Tacoma, Washington.

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## **Tacoma Art Museum remains closed to the public.**

### **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 July 2020 TAM Calendar Rebecca and Jack Benaroya Wing 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.

### **CURRENTLY CLOSED**

**ADMISSION** – \$18 Adult, \$15 Student/Senior (65+), \$40 Family (2 adults and up to four children age 6-18), 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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