

TACOMA ART MUSEUM

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Exciting Summer at Tacoma Art Museum

July 1, 2021 (Tacoma, WA) After over a year of closures and temporary operating hours, Tacoma Art Museum kicks off this summer with new operating hours and more inclusive pricing, along with a series of community events and exhibitions for visitors to enjoy.

Starting July 1, TAM is excited to announce the Museum opens with refreshed hours and daily prices to welcome back members and guests. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, TAM offers extended evening hours and will be open from 10 am to 8 pm. Wednesday and Sunday hours are 10 am to 5 pm, and the Museum is closed on Monday and Tuesday. In addition, TAM is offering FREE admission for children and youth 18 and under. As always, TAM offers FREE admission for active-duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families, and to [TAM Members](#).

TAM's popular [Neighborhood Nights](#) return on July 1, with community programming and FREE access every Thursday night to visitors from 5 pm to 8 pm. To expand access to the Museum to more members of the community, TAM is thrilled to offer a new "Pay What You Will" price every Sunday through November 28.

"We are delighted to welcome members and guests back into the Museum this summer to explore galleries and exhibitions as a source of joy and inspiration," says David F. Setford, TAM's executive director. "We're confident changes in our operating hours, and revised pricing will increase accessibility to TAM for all members of the community."

For a more enjoyable visitor experience, members and guests are [encouraged to reserve a date and time to visit TAM this summer](#). Also, in accordance with public health guidelines, if guests are fully vaccinated, masks are optional.

Upcoming events and exhibitions coming this summer at TAM include:

Dance in the Museum

Thursday Neighborhood Night, July 8, 5 pm to 8 pm, FREE

Every second Thursday, we partner with [Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center](#) (T.U.P.A.C.) for Dance in the Museum, a free class led by one of T.U.P.A.C.'s talented instructors. All ages,

experiences, and abilities are welcome for this fun excuse to get your body moving. Dance sessions start at 6:30 pm.

PRIDE Party

Thursday Neighborhood Night, July 15, 5 pm to 8 pm, FREE

Tacoma Art Museum is excited to celebrate [Tacoma Pride](#) in person with our third annual PRIDE Party! Dance the night away with music from [DJ LA Kendall](#) and enjoy a cocktail or mocktail curated by [The Mix](#). Explore the galleries and talk about art with local Drag Queens.

To help maintain social distance and keep a safe, healthy space, you can find queens in the galleries ready to share their favorite works with you throughout the night.

The Kinsey African American Art & History Collection at TAM

Saturday, July 31 at 1 pm

A groundbreaking exhibition, [The Kinsey African American Art & History Collection](#), features over 150 works of art, photographs, rare documents, and more, celebrating the achievements and contributions of Black Americans from 1595 to the present day.

This exhibition is generously supported by Presenting Sponsor Propel Insurance; Leadership Sponsors JP Morgan Chase, Bamford Foundation, and Columbia Bank; and leading Foundation Sponsor Tacoma Urban League.

Exhibition Dates

Open to the public Saturday, July 31 at 1 pm; the exhibition runs through November 28, 2021.

Press Preview

Thursday, July 29

(Please contact Michelle Sievers msievers@tacomaartmuseum.org for more information.)

TAM Member Preview

Saturday, July 31 at 10 am

TAM Member Priority Access

Sunday, August 1 at 10 am

Opening Block Party

Saturday, July 31, 1 - 8 pm, Free admission, Free parking

Be among the first to see **The Kinsey African American Art & History Collection** and take part in a one-of-a-kind Block Party. Free to all, this community festival will feature live music from area DJs, performances from [T.U.P.A.C.](#) and the [Vision Step Team](#), and live artmaking from Tacoma artist Perry Paints. Grab a bite to eat from one of the local food trucks and pick up a piece of art from any one of the community artists who will be selling their work in the Tacoma Art Museum Store and our events space. Free parking is available at TAM, the Tacoma Courthouse, and the Children's Museum.

The Kinsey African American Art & History Collection | The Myth of Absence

Sunday, August 1, 2 pm, [Registration](#) required (\$5 admission, FREE to Members and students)

Through a powerful and engaging interactive presentation, Bernard, Shirley, and Khalil Kinsey will introduce audiences to the "Myth of Absence" concept that has played a significant role in

shaping America's view of African Americans and challenge thought processes regarding race and contributions to America's culture.

Museum Ticketing Information - Effective July 1, 2021

Hours

- Closed Monday & Tuesday
- Wednesdays 10 am to 5 pm
- Thursday - Saturday 10 am to 8 pm
- Sundays 10 am to 5 pm
- **NOTE:**
 - Sunday, July 4 – Closed for Independence Day
 - Friday, July 30 – Close at 5 pm for a private event
 - Saturday, July 31 - Open to the public at 1 pm.

Daily Prices

- \$18 Adult
- \$15 Senior (65+)
- FREE - Children 18 and under
- FREE - Active-duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families
- FREE - TAM Members

Special Prices

- Thursday Neighborhood Nights 5 pm to 8 pm – FREE to all
- Sundays – “Pay What You Will” through November 28, 2021

Visit www.tacomaartmuseum.com for more information.

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About Tacoma Art Museum

Celebrating over 85 years, Tacoma Art Museum is the leading resource for art of the Pacific Northwest and greater Western region. TAM's mission is to transform our communities by sharing art that inspires broader perspectives and cultivates a compassionate future. TAM's collection contains more than 5,300 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. TAM is in the heart of Tacoma's vibrant Museum District, which consists of six museums, including the Museum of Glass and the Washington State History Museum.

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