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The Hilliard Art Museum Invites You to its Annual Summer Celebration Reception on June 14

Lafayette, La. - Join the The Hilliard Art Museum for their annual Summer Reception on Friday, June 14 as they celebrate their 2024 exhibitions. Guests will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the captivating works of renowned artists Beili Liu, Ana Mendieta, and Robert Wiggs. The evening is dedicated to showcasing diverse artistic talents and exploring thought-provoking installations, promising an unforgettable experience for all attendees..

Guests can enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music, and world-class art in the beautiful surroundings of the Hilliard Art Museum. There will be a members-only reception from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, and the general public is invited from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

“Come immerse yourself in the visual arts. As always, The Hilliard showcases a diverse array of artists who are renowned locally, regionally, and nationally! This season is special,” says Curator and Interim Director Ben Hickey.

EVERY / WHERE: BEILI LIU

Exhibition Dates: February 24, 2024 — August 17, 2024

Beili Liu creates site-specific installations in response to landscapes and their intersections with the social and cultural. The exhibition Every|Where will feature one of her early works and a more recent installation created as part of her Fulbright Arctic Chair Scholarship, a prestigious appointment given to one U.S. scholar annually. She is the Leslie Waggener Professor in the College of Fine Arts at The University of Texas at Austin.

FUNDAMENTO DE PALO MONTE: ANA MENDIETA

Exhibition Dates: March 09, 2024 — September 14, 2024

Ana Mendieta was a seminal twentieth-century Cuban-American artist known for her experimental performances. In this video from her Silueta Series (1973-1980), she uses

her body to create art in conversation with different landscapes. In this five minute and fifty-five second film, the silhouette of Mendieta's body is filled with gunpowder and then set on fire. At the end, only a charred figure and the surrounding scorched earth remain as a vessel for reflection on self and place. *Presented by Art Bridges.*

BENDING LINES: ROBERT WIGGS

Exhibition Dates: March 16, 2024 — September 28, 2024

Robert Wiggs was an important faculty member in the history of the Department of Visual Art at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He was a sculptor and educator who shaped the aesthetic agenda of Acadiana starting in 1965 when UL was still known as the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Wiggs is known for his unique brand of abstraction based on keen observations of the natural world. He retired in 1987, the same year he discovered the ninth all-space filling polyhedron he named the “Twist Octahedron.” This exhibition derives its title from a documentary by Allison Bohl and Peter DeHart which, like the film, emphasizes Wiggs’ urge to have fine art and science in dialog.

Museum Hours, Admission & General Information

The Hilliard Art Museum is located at 710 E. Saint Mary Blvd. on the campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday. For general information, please visit HilliardMuseum.org or call 337-482-2278.

About the Hilliard Art Museum

Our Museum is a bridge. Our Museum is a catalyst. Our Museum is for everyone. We connect art and education, our university and our community, generations, heritage and cultures. The Hilliard Art Museum-University of Louisiana at Lafayette is not just a place to look at art. It is a place where visitors are encouraged to truly see art. It is a place of learning, where students sketch in the galleries and artists talk about their work. It is a destination for families, where kids express their own creativity through hands-on activities. And it is a resource for academic research and observation. Museum experiences build skills that extend into every aspect of life. Viewing art promotes dialogue and understanding between individuals, among families, and throughout our community. Art makes life richer and better for everyone.

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