

PRESS RELEASE

Hilliard Art Museum
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The Hilliard Art Museum Celebrates *Acadian Brown Cotton: The Fabric of Acadiana* with several online and in-person events

Lafayette, LA- The Hilliard Art Museum encourages art and culture lovers to visit the exhibition *Acadian Brown Cotton: The Fabric of Acadiana* before it closes to the public on June 30, 2021. Several events will be held in the month of June, celebrating this unique exhibition and the 250-year tradition it represents.

On **Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:00PM**, the Hilliard will be hosting an **Online Panel Discussion** with several members of the curatorial team that created the exhibition. This event is free to attend, and open the public, with information available on how to attend available at HilliardMuseum.org.

On **Friday, June 25, 2021 beginning at 4:00PM**, the Hilliard will be hosting an **Acadian Brown Cotton Expo**. Guests will be able to socialize with members of the Acadian brown cotton curatorial team, as well as local farmers, artisans and weavers, and cultural stewards of the tradition. A screening of the

film *Coton-Jaune – Acadian Brown Cotton – A Cajun Love Story* will also be taking place at the expo. This event is free to attend, and open to the public.

Funding for this exhibition and programming comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibition *Acadian Brown Cotton: The Fabric of Acadiana* is also available online at thefabricofacadiana.org.

About the Hilliard Art Museum

The Hilliard Art Museum operates on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette and was originally founded in 1964 as the Art Center for Southwest Louisiana. Featuring a state-of-the-art modern facility that was erected in 2004, the museum houses more than 2,200 objects in its permanent collection and is the largest art exhibition space between New Orleans and Houston. The Hilliard Museum serves a wide range of educational and cultural needs by fostering cross-disciplinary intellectual discourse on campus, and throughout the region. At the core of the Hilliard's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit the art of our time, while celebrating the great diversity of Louisiana's heritage.

Museum Hours, Admission & General Information

The Hilliard Art Museum is located at 710 East Saint Mary Boulevard, on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Museum Hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Wednesday 9:00AM to 8:00PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; closed Sunday and Monday. General Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (62+), \$3 Students (5-17). FREE for Members, UL Students/Staff/Faculty with identification, and visitors under 5. For general information, please visit hilliardmuseum.org or call 337.482.0811.

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