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The Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Art Museums Announce First Free Wednesdays and Extended Thursday Hours

Milwaukee, WI, January 2018- The Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Art Museums are proud to announce **First Free Wednesdays** for **Milwaukee County Residents**. Beginning February 7, 2018 admission for Milwaukee County Residents at both Museums will be free the first Wednesday of the month. “As public Museums we wanted to thank the community for their support over many years and help reduce barriers so that all Milwaukee residents can experience the beauty and wonder of their Museums,” said Executive Director John Sterr. Each Museum’s mansion, gardens, permanent collections and changing exhibitions will be accessible on **First Free Wednesdays**.

Beginning February 1, 2018, the Museums will also be open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Visitors will now have weekly evening hours to experience both mansions, permanent collections and changing exhibitions.

Charles Allis and Villa Terrace New Museum Hours of Operation

Wednesday through Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for Seniors (62+), Military and Students with a valid ID, and FREE for Museum Members and Children 12 and under.

First Wednesday of the month free for Milwaukee County Residents

Charles Allis Upcoming Exhibitions and Events

Exhibitions

***Clandestine Possessions* and *Family Time* closes April 15, 2018**

It is now tradition for the grand prize winner from our *Forward* juried art exhibition to be invited to present a solo exhibition the following year. Painter James Pederson (Madison, WI), winner in 2016, has taken the invitation a step further, incorporating a collaborator and a guest artist into two side-by-side exhibitions. For *Clandestine Possessions*, Pederson exhibits furniture-based works made in collaboration with Madison, WI artist Mariah Tate Klemens, and in *Family Time*, he curates a small exhibition of paintings by Jackson Hunt (Irvine, CA) to be shown alongside a series of his own. The show runs through April 15, 2018.

Exhibition Tours led by our Curatorial staff:

Wednesday, February 7, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 22, 3:00 p.m.

Events

Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party | March 3 | 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hambingo at Hamburger Mary's! | March 14 | 8:00 p.m.

Clandestine Possessions: Art In-Depth | March 15 | 7:00 p.m.

Please visit our website, charlesallis.org, for more information on these events.

Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum Upcoming Exhibitions and Events

Exhibitions

***FOLD* March 1, 2018 – June 3, 2018**

FOLD highlights a selection of accordion-fold books from the extensive collection of artists' publications owned by Stephen Perkins (Madison, WI). The exhibition features renowned artists such as Jennifer Bartlett, Ginger Burrell, Christo, Robert Indiana, Niki de Saint Phalle, Kiki Smith, Buzz Spector, and Dennis Oppenheim, and explores the art of accordion books, also known as concertina, screenfold, leporello, oriental-fold, and zig-zag fold, as panoramic spaces for images and text as well as three-dimensional sculptural objects. Encompassing the 1970s up to the present moment, *FOLD* offers a survey of accordion books that explore the creative possibilities offered by this unique publishing medium. Curated by Annemarie Sawkins, PhD (Milwaukee, WI).

Exhibition Tours led by our Curatorial staff:

Wednesday, March 7, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.

Events

Mathew Ball Concert | March 16 | 7:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Baroque Ensemble | April 20 | 7:00 p.m.

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About the Charles Allis

Designed by prominent Milwaukee architect Alexander Eschweiler for Charles Allis, the first president of Allis Chalmers, and his wife Sarah in 1911, this unique Tudor-style mansion and art collection was built with the sole purpose of bequeathing it to the public to delight, educate and inspire. The permanent collection features 19th Century French and American Paintings, Chinese and Japanese porcelains, Renaissance bronzes, Japanese netsuke, and original antique furnishings.

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About the Villa Terrace

Overlooking Lake Michigan, the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum is an Italian Renaissance-style villa designed and built by architect David Adler in 1923. The building was originally the residence of Lloyd Smith of the A.O. Smith Corporation and his family. The Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum features fine and decorative arts dating from the 15th through to the 18th centuries, wrought-iron masterpieces by Cyril Colnik, a formal garden and changing exhibitions. Located at 2220 N. Terrace Ave., the Museum is a partner of the Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 N. Prospect Ave.

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