

Grand Opening Events Hour-by Hour
The Blanton Museum of Art
Extremely Grand Opening
April 29-30, 2006

SATURDAY APRIL 29

Art is happening. 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM

9:00 PM

The University of Texas Marimba Band (*Plaza*)

Let yourself be serenaded as you arrive for this festive occasion.

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Glover Gill (*Atrium*)

Enjoy the tango styles of this legendary Austin performer. Dancing is encouraged!

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Cash Bar and Snacks (*Loggia and Atrium*)

9:00 PM – 1:30 AM

Creation Station: Iron-On T-Shirts (*Classroom*)

Show off your fashion sense! Use images from the museum's collection to create a one-of-a-kind t-shirt.

9:00 PM – 1:00 AM

9:30 PM

Art Brief: Party and Celebration (*meet in the eLounge*)

Start the night right with this twenty-minute tour focusing on images of celebration throughout the museum's collection.

9:30 PM – 10:00 PM

10:00 PM

Art Brief: Current Events (*meet in the eLounge*)

Examine works of art related to current events in contemporary culture.

10:00 PM – 10:30 PM

10:00 PM

DJ Jennifer of Ear Candy (KOOP FM)

Happening musical interludes on the half hour

10:00 PM – 12:30 AM

10:30 PM

Vox trot (*Atrium*)

10:30 – 11:30

11:00

Art Brief: Movement (*meet in the eLounge*)

Learn how the concept of movement is addressed in various forms throughout the collection.

11:00 PM – 11:30 PM

11:30

Art Brief: Process (*Meet in the eLounge*)

Find out what types of processes artists used in the America/Americas exhibition.

11:30 PM – 12:00 Midnight

SUNDAY APRIL 30

12:00 Midnight

Improv for Insomniacs (*meet at the Visitor Services Desk*)

Art is funny—and the Austin Improv Collective will show you how in this tour of the Blanton's collection.

12:00 AM – 12:45 AM

12:30

Art Brief: Performance (*meet in the eLounge*)

Examine the genre of performance art within the America/Americas exhibition.

12:30 AM – 1:00 AM

Pong (*Atrium*)

Hit the dance floor with Austin favorite Pong, and their mix of space rock, glam rock, and pop harmony.

12:30 AM – 2 AM

Art is curious. *1 AM – 5 AM*

1:00 AM

Random Acts of Brilliance (*various galleries*)

Experience impromptu appearances by artists, musicians and performers throughout the Museum.

1:00 AM – 3:30 AM

Blanton CSI (*pick up guide at Visitor Services Desk*)

Use your sleuthing skills to discover what work of art committed a murder in the Blanton's galleries.

1:00 AM – 5:00 AM

Art Brief: Meireles (*meet in the eLounge*)

Explore the concept of environment in pieces from the Blanton's collection.

1:00 AM – 1:30 AM

Creation Station: Really Big Drawings (*Modern and Contemporary Galleries*)

Scribble, paste, paint, and smear your own art in a gallery surrounded by large Abstract Expressionist paintings and sculpture.

1:00 AM – 5:00 AM

1:30 AM

Milk and Cookies (*Center for Prints and Drawings Hallway*)

1:30 AM – 5:00 AM

2:00 AM

Austin Craft Mafia Fashion Show (*Modern and Contemporary Galleries*)

Check out fashions inspired by the museum's collection.

2:00 AM – 3:00 AM

Art Brief: Curious and Surprising (*meet in the eLounge*)

Explore the curious and surprising in contemporary art.

2:00 AM – 2:30

3:00 AM

Improv for Insomniacs (*meet at the Visitor Services Desk*)

3:00 AM – 3:45 AM

Art is moving. 5 AM – 9 AM

5:00 AM

Cereal Bar and Juice (*Center for Prints and Drawings Hallway*)

5:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Morning Cartoons (*Atrium*)

Lounge in a beanbag chair and watch favorite cartoons from the past while dining on breakfast cereals.

5:00 AM – 6:30 AM

Art Brief: Kinetic (*meet in the eLounge*)

Join us as we explore kinetic works of art in the *America/Americas* exhibition.

5:00 AM – 5:30 AM

Creation Station: Everyday Art (*Atrium*)

Make your own work of art from everyday objects.

5:00 AM – 9:00 AM

6:00 AM

Art Brief: Emotion in America/Americas (*meet in the eLounge*)

This Art Brief examines how works of art in the *America/Americas* installation represent emotion or elicit emotional response.

6:00 AM – 6:30 AM

6:30 AM

Yoga (*Modern and Contemporary Galleries*)

Focus on art that explores color and shape while engaging in some simple but relaxing body movements.

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM

7:00 AM

Art Brief: Emotion in the European Painting Collection (*meet in the eLounge*)

See how works of art in the European painting collection represent emotion or elicit emotional response.

7:00 AM – 7:30 AM

7:30 AM

Yoga (*Modern and Contemporary Galleries*)

Focus on art that explores color and shape while engaging in some simple but relaxing body movements.

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

8:00 AM

Coffee and donuts (*Loggia*)

Relax on the loggia with a cup of coffee and a donut.

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

8:00 AM

Art Brief: Motion (*meet in the eLounge*)

Join us as we explore the concept of motion in contemporary art.

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Art is divine. 9 AM - Noon

9:00 AM

UT Innervisions (*Atrium*)

Be uplifted by The University of Texas at Austin's gospel choir.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

World Newspapers (*Loggia*)

Read papers from around the globe as you enjoy coffee and donuts on the museum's new loggia.

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Chair Massage (*Loggia/Mezzanine*)

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Community Art Project: Blanton Blooms (*Tent on Plaza*)

Express yourself with an "art bloom" to grace the lawn of the new building or to take home and plant in your own garden.

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Artful Meditations (*Secret Garden—southeast quadrant of museum grounds*)

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Art Brief: Natural World (*meet in the eLounge*)

Discover the myriad ways artists have depicted the natural world.

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Creation Station: Make an Impression (*Tent on Plaza*)

Learn the basics of printmaking and create a set of prints to display and distribute.

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Creation Station: Pillow Talk with artist Jenny Hart (*Special Exhibitions Gallery and Classroom*)

Create your own embroidered pillowcase with artist Jenny Hart.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

9:30 AM

Art Brief: Transcendence (*meet in the eLounge*)

Examine how works from the *America/Americas* exhibition explore the concept of transcendence.

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

10:00 AM

Art Brief: Saints (*meet in the eLounge*)

Explore representations of saints in the European collection.

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Prints and Drawings Study Center Opens

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

10:30 AM

Golden Arm Trio (*Modern and Contemporary Galleries*)

Golden Arm Trio, headed up by composer Graham Reynolds, performs music ranging from original film scores to experimental jazz to classical works.

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Art Brief: Fabulous (*meet in the eLounge*)

When something is so fabulous to behold, it can be divine! In this Art Brief we will look at some gems of the European collection and contemplate their divine qualities.

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

11:00

Art Brief: Fabulous (*meet in the eLounge*)

In this Art Brief we will discuss standout selections from the contemporary exhibition *New Now Next*.

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Art is connection. Noon – 1:00 PM

12:00 Noon Welcoming and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (*Plaza*)

Welcome the new Blanton with dignitaries from the city, state, and university. Enjoy an inaugural poem commissioned for the Grand Opening of the Blanton and the sounds of the Longhorn Band.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Art is wonder. 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

1:00 PM

Fancy Schmancy Family Opening (*Tent on Plaza*)

Families are invited to play art games, enjoy upbeat music, and snack on cookies and lemonade.

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Lemonade and Cookies (*Tent on Plaza*)

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Community Art Project: Blanton Blooms (*Tent on Plaza*)

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1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Art Stops (*European and Modern and Contemporary Galleries*)

Enjoy interactive activities at various locations as you explore the Blanton's collections.

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Creation Station: Curtain call (*Tent on Plaza*)

Dress up in costume and pose as a subject in a portrait.

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

1:30 PM

Art Brief: Drama (*meet in the eLounge*)

Explore the concept of drama in the European collection.

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

2:00 PM

Art Brief: How'd They Do That? (*meet in the eLounge*)

Have you ever asked, "How in the world did they do that?" Join us as we consider the process of creating selected works in the contemporary collection.

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

2:30 PM

Two-step lessons (*Atrium*)

Take two-step lessons from family-friendly dance instructor Johnny Bryant!

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

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3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Art Brief: Big (*meet in the eLounge*)

Can you imagine a work of art so big that it is larger than the family SUV? Come along and see for yourself.

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

3:30 PM

Heybale (*Atrium*)

Enjoy the infectious, country swinging tunes of Heybale.

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Art Brief: Sprawling (*meet in the eLounge*)

Explore sprawling works of art in the Blanton collection.

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

4:00 PM

Art Brief: Optical Illusion (*meet in the eLounge*)

Come along as we discuss works of art that feature optical illusion.

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

4:30 PM

Art Brief: Wonders Big and Small (*meet in the eLounge*)

Examine wonders big and small in the contemporary collection.

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Art is experience. 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

5:00 PM

Cheese and crackers, cash bar, including Blantinis! (*Loggia*)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Art Stops for Adults (*Modern and Contemporary Galleries and European Galleries*)

Investigate works of art through historical objects associated with them.

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Art Brief: Lives of Artists (*meet in the eLounge*)

Consider ways in which works of art reflect the life experience of artists in the collection.

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Creation Station: Everyday Art (*Tent on Plaza*)

Inspired by artist Louise Nevelson, create extraordinary works of art out of ordinary materials.

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

5:30 PM

Guitarist Tony Morris (*near the European Galleries*)

Enjoy the beautiful melodies of classical guitar from this acclaimed virtuoso.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Art Brief: Viewer Experience (*meet in the eLounge*)

Explore works that focus on the viewer experience.

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

6:00 PM

Art Brief: Portraits (*meet in the eLounge*)

Use portraits from the European collection to consider the lives of individuals from the past.

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM

6:30 PM

Art Brief: Collective Experience (*meet in eLounge*)

Examine art that explores collective experiences and histories in the *America/Americas* exhibition.

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

7:00 PM

Music for the Blanton (*Atrium, then upstairs galleries*)

An original composition by university professor and composer Donald Grantham this new work was commissioned for the opening of the museum by the College of Fine Arts. Be among the first to hear this special composition as this is the public premiere.

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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9:00 PM

Conclusion of the 24-hour Extremely Grand Opening