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Art Museum Offers Complimentary Family Events This Fall

NORMAN – The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is gearing up for a busy fall by offering several events for the public. Family Day, a hands-on program aimed for children of all ages and their families, will take place twice this semester, Sunday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Nov. 15. Art Adventures and Tuesday Noon Concerts have also started back, and will occur every Tuesday through November.

Museum admission is always complimentary, and there are no additional costs for any of these programs.

During Family Days, participants will explore art in the museum’s temporary exhibitions. Visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of hands-on art activities suitable for the entire family. On Sept. 20, visitors can experience centuries of Roman history with the exhibition *Immortales: The Hall of Emperors of the Capitoline Museums, Rome*.

The Nov. 15 Family Day will invite visitors to explore the drawing and sculptural forms of Distinguished Visiting Artist: James Surls. Participants will have the opportunity to create 2D and 3D art of their own. Over the course of four decades, Surls has developed hybrid forms in wood, steel and bronze. His work is inspired by flowers, the human body and rock formations.

The Tuesday Noon Concerts series is a cooperative effort between the University of Oklahoma School of Music and the art museum. The concerts conveniently take place during a typical lunch break, allowing visitors who work full time to participate in the event as well as students. OU music students and faculty perform the 30-minute concerts. The Tuesday Noon Concert on Sept. 22 will be followed by a gallery talk corresponding with the museum exhibition *Immortales: The Hall of Emperors of the Capitoline Museums, Rome*. Francesca Giani, exhibition curator, will lead the walking tour. Tuesday Noon Concerts will take place every Tuesday at noon until Nov. 24.
The Oct. 6 concert will be followed by a gallery talk with Robert Bailey, assistant professor of art history in the OU School of Art and Art History. Bailey will discuss selected works from the *Distinguished Visiting Artist: James Surls* exhibition.

The concert on Nov. 10 will be followed by a gallery talk about the exhibition *Enter the Matrix: Indigenous Printmakers*. It will be led by W. Jackson Rushing III, the Adkins Presidential Professor of Art History and Mary Lou Milner Carver Chair in Native American Art, OU School of Art and Art History.

Art Adventures is a program designed for children ages 3 to 5, accompanied by an adult. Each week, young artists explore a different book and a related art project. This fall, participants can expect a range of projects, from painting and drawing, to collage and mask making. Art Adventures will take place every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. until Dec. 15.

A comprehensive list of upcoming performances, gallery talks, Art Adventures books and additional program information can be found on the museum’s website at www.ou.edu/fjjma.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located in the OU Arts District on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. Admission to the museum is complimentary to all visitors, thanks to a generous gift from the OU Athletics Department. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938 or visiting www.ou.edu/fjjma.

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