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Castellani Art Museum announces summer programs and exhibitions

Submitted by the Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University

Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University is thrilled to announce its summer events and exhibitions, including "Kids 'n Arts" summer camp.

If you'd like to reserve space for your child, please don't wait, as camp has sold out yearly since its start.

CAM will continue its monthly, family-friendly "Art Express" workshops through July. In June, the museum will embark on an exciting three-day dyemaking workshop to teach participants environmentally sustainable ways of coloring fabric.

First Saturday afternoons at CAM are a perfect opportunity to explore bold and thought-provoking contemporary and modern art exhibitions. On June 15, CAM will hold an opening reception for three dynamic summer installations: "Northward: Niagara River Views," "Knowing Land" and "Shaping Nature" by Junko McGee. Additionally, CAM has implemented its summer hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday through Sunday, and 1-7 p.m. Thursday. General admission is free.

If an event is sold out, email caminfo@niagara.edu to be added to the waitlist.

Child & Family-Friendly Programs

•"Kids 'N Arts" summer camp (ages 5-12) – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, July 10-Aug. 11. Registration is now open at bit.ly/kidsnarts. This fun-filled five-week camp will provide your children with an enriching visual arts and theater experience unlike any other. Campers will enjoy hands-on art projects inspired by the CAM's rich collection and create unique theater performances. There is a $50 registration fee per child for each weekly session, $250 per week, per child, with a 10% discount for NU faculty, students, staff, NU Theatre season passholders, and EBT cardholders. Affordable extended child care is available before and after camp.

•"Art Express" (ages 6–12) – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, May 27 ("Paper Tunnel Cards with Kiyomi Millar"), June 24 ("Pots and Shapes with Kiyomi Millar") ad July 29 ("CAM in the Community with Tyshaun Tyson," at Packard Court Community Center. RSVP at bit.ly/art-express. There is a cost of $10 (free for members, children of NU faculty, students, staff and EBT cardholders). "Art Express" workshops include a short talk about child-friendly museum artworks, and a guided storytime. A teaching artist works closely with participants to foster the creation of customized take-home artwork.

Adult Arts & Culture Programs

•Saturday folklife workshops – 2-4 p.m. May 20 ("Beaded Miniature Corn Keychains with Erwin Printup Jr.," Cayuga, Bear) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 22 ("Quilling with Anita Muzzi"). There is a cost of $10 (free for members, NU faculty, students, staff and EBT cardholders, with registration). Folklife workshops are small, hands-on programs led by local folk artists and tradition bearers that engage participants in the diverse cultural heritage of our region.

•Three-day natural dyeing workshop – 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, June 7-21. RSVP at bit.ly/camdyeingworkshop. Join local textile artist Tami Fuller for a workshop series that will teach environmentally sustainable ways of fabric dyeing over three consecutive weeks. Using fabrics, participants will learn how to create intricate fabric resist patterns on silk, lino-printed and linen furoshiki. The cost is $90 (or $80 for members, NU faculty, students and staff – includes three sessions and materials).

•CAM public tours (pay-what-you-wish) – 1–2 p.m. first Saturdays, June 2 ("Shaping Nature" by Junko McGee exhibition), July 1 ("Abstraction Gallery exploration") and Aug. 5 ("Of Their Time: Pop to Postmodernism exhibition"). RSVP at bit.ly/campublictours. CAM public tours provide guests with a 45-minute public tour of a current exhibition or gallery, followed by a 15-minute curator Q&A session.

•Summer exhibitions opening reception – 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15. RSVP at bit.ly/camsummerreception. This opening reception features curator tours, light refreshments, and a cash bar on the portico. Summer exhibitions include:

√ "Northward: Niagara River Views"

√ "Knowing Land"

√ "Shaping Nature By Junko McGee"

√ "Biological Regionalism: Niagara River, Western New York by Alberto Rey"

Niagara University, Medaille partner on 'teach out' agreement

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Niagara University and Medaille University have entered a "teach out" agreement to provide students from Medaille an opportunity to continue their academic studies at NU. Medaille, which announced it is closing as of Aug. 31, sent a letter to all of its students on behalf of Niagara University on Monday afternoon.

"We are deeply disheartened to learn of the closing of Medaille university. This is very sad news for our Western New York community, and it is truly heartbreaking for Medaille's students, faculty, staff and alumni," said the Rev. James J. Maher, C.M., president of Niagara University. "Understanding the sudden challenge faced by these students, Niagara's partnership with Medaille will allow its undergraduate and graduate students to stay on track with their academic trajectory, graduate from Niagara University, and begin their career as they had planned."

The "teach out" agreement was developed to align the academic programs of Medaille and Niagara. Medaille students in good academic standing will have their academic credits automatically accepted at Niagara University. Additionally, Niagara will honor Medaille's financial aid package for tuition and fees for students who enroll at Niagara University.

Niagara is also working collaboratively with the leadership at Medaille to support the living-learning expectations of every student and to ensure the highest engagement with faculty and with Niagara in regard to housing, student life, athletics, international opportunity, and any other component of their overall academic experience.

Information is available at https://www.niagara.edu/medaille.