

Phoenix Art Museum

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Phoenix Art Museum celebrates inaugural event hosted by teens, for teens

Museum's First Teen Art Council hosts free, teens-only event featuring food, live music, and art activities

PHOENIX (March 6, 2017) – On March 10, Phoenix Art Museum will present Teen Night, the first event hosted by the inaugural Teen Art Council. Teen Night is a free, teens-only event set to take place on Friday, March 10 from 6 – 10 pm at the Museum. Featuring food, live music performed by local teen bands, hands-on art activities, and a fashion show, the Council's first event kicks off with the theme "Art Through the Ages" in celebration of all different forms and styles of art.

"We are thrilled about the first event hosted by our own Teen Art Council," said Amada Cruz, the Sybil Harrington Director and CEO of Phoenix Art Museum. "Teens play a vital role as ambassadors for the Museum's future. Through the Teen Art Council, we seek to engage teens by giving them a seat at the table, so they may play a role in shaping their Museum for years to come."

The Council was first launched on January 25, 2017. From a large pool of entries, 12 teens were selected to form the first cohort of the Teen Art Council, an initiative of the Museum's Education Division. This group serves as the principal ambassadors for teen visitors to the Museum. Their mission is to help make Phoenix Art Museum a welcoming environment for their peers through several avenues: planning and promotion of teen-centered events and projects; meetings with staff, local artists, and other presenters; participating in hands-on artmaking; and getting a behind-the-scenes view of how a museum runs.

"We're extremely proud of the young people who have volunteered their energy, creativity, and ideas to help us make the Museum a more accessible place for teens," said Kaela Hoskings, the Museum's Gerry Grout Education Director. "With the Teen Council, we hope to encourage these students to take ownership of their experience at the Museum and use their perspective to make it uniquely accessible to their peers."

The current Teen Council Session runs through May 24. Recruitment for the fall session begins in April 2017. Those interested in applying may visit phxart.org/education/teens. Teen programs at Phoenix Art Museum are made possible by the generous support of Thunderbirds Charities, with additional support by the Craig R. and Barbara M. Barrett Foundation, and the Alice and Jim Bazlen and Jane A. Lehman Foundation.

About Phoenix Art Museum

Phoenix Art Museum has provided access to visual arts and educational programs in Arizona for more than 50 years and is the largest art museum in the Southwestern United States. Critically acclaimed national and international exhibitions are shown alongside the Museum's permanent collection of more than 18,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design. The Museum also presents festivals, a comprehensive film program, live performances and educational programs designed to enlighten, entertain and stimulate visitors of all ages. Visitors also enjoy vibrant photography exhibitions through the Museum's landmark partnership with the Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona. To learn more about Phoenix Art Museum, visit PhxArt.org, or call the 24-hour recorded information line at (602) 257-1222.

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