

Phoenix Art Museum

News Release

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Phoenix Art Museum December 2019 Event and Exhibition Highlights

Exhibition and Event Highlights through December 2019

PHOENIX (December 1, 2019) – Phoenix Art Museum hosts holiday events to make your spirits bright! From delightful [December is for Members](#) specials, the final installment of [Discount Tire Free Family Sunday](#), two screenings of [Bolshoi Ballet's The Nutcracker](#), special hours on the festive final days of the year, and more [@phxart](#). *See you here!*

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL HOURS

[Christmas Eve](#)

Tuesday, December 24 | 10 AM – 3 PM

The Museum will close early on Tuesday, December 24 and re-open for normal hours on Thursday, December 26.

[Christmas Day](#)

Wednesday, December 25 | Museum Closed

The Museum will be closed in observance of Christmas Day and will re-open on Thursday, December 26.

[The Eve of New Year's Eve](#)

Monday, December 30 | 10 AM – 5 PM

We will be open on the last Monday of 2019 for you and yours to enjoy. The Museum will also open for regular hours on New Year's Eve and be closed on New Year's Day.

[New Year's Eve](#)

Tuesday, December 31 | 10 AM – 5 PM

Get a jump start on your New Year's Resolution to see more art in 2020 and visit our galleries! The Museum will be closed in observance of New Year's Day and will re-open on Thursday, January 2.

[New Year's Day](#)

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 | Museum Closed

The Museum is closed on New Year's Day and will re-open on Thursday, January 2.

FEATURED EVENTS

[December 2019 Art Lovers Book Club](#)

December 4 | 1 pm, 6 pm

December 6 | 2 pm

Join us in the [Gene and Cathie Lemon Art Research Library](#) for a lively discussion about Philip Mould's memoir *The Art Detective: Adventures of an Antiques Roadshow Appraiser*. Purchase your book [here](#).

Winter 2020 Art Lovers Book Club schedule is now available! Look forward to new sessions starting in [February 2020](#) and the [Lemon Art Library Open House on January 22, 2020](#).

Art Lovers Book Club is sponsored in part by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona.

[First Friday – December 2019](#)

Friday, December 6 | 6 – 10 pm

From 6–10 pm on the first Friday of each month, Phoenix Art Museum is open to the public with voluntary donation admission and \$5 admission to special exhibitions. Share your First Friday experience with #phxartff!

Timed-entry tickets to [Legends of Speed](#) featuring 22 iconic race cars are available [here](#)!

[The Whole Store: Part XI](#)

Friday, December 6 | 7:30 pm

Whiteman Hall

The Whole Story returns to Phoenix Art Museum throughout 2019! This live storytelling show celebrates the nuances of our humanity through personal stories told from the Black perspective. Featured storytellers take the stage at 7:30 pm. Tickets are free for Members and available [here](#) for the general public.

For more information about Arizona Costume Institute (ACI), an affiliate group of Phoenix Art Museum, please visit their website [here](#).

[ACI Holiday Luncheon](#)

Monday, December 9 | 11 am

As Phoenix's premier holiday event, the Arizona Costume Institute Holiday Luncheon has featured internationally recognized fashion icons such as famed milliner Stephen Jones, and costume designer Patricia Field. This year, ACI is honored to welcome Tonne Goodman, author of *Point of View*, and former Vogue editor, as the 2019 Holiday Luncheon guest speaker on December 9, 2019.

[A Teen Thing](#)

Wednesday, December 11 | 6 pm

Ready, set, go! On Wednesday, join [Teen Art Council](#) for a speedy design challenge inspired by Legends of Speed. This installment of the workshop series A Teen Thing is open to teens ages 13 – 18. RSVP [here](#) and meet in the main lobby at 6 pm.

Teen programs are made possible through the generosity of the Carstens Family Funds. They are made possible, in part, through The Diversifying Art Museum Leadership Initiative, funded by the Walton Family Foundation and the Ford Foundation, and supported by Thunderbirds Charities.

[Senior Coffee Social](#)

Thursday, December 12 | 10:30 am, 1:30 pm

Join us for our monthly Coffee Social for Members 65 and older. Enjoy complimentary coffee, breakfast treats, and a Docent-led presentation on a featured object from the collection. An additional series of afternoon coffee socials will be available November 2019 through March 2020 at 1:30 pm (doors at 1:00 pm). The morning coffee social times remain the same: doors at 10:15 am and presentation at 10:30 am. Coffee socials are always hosted the second Thursday of the month. This event takes place in Singer Hall in Wolfswinkel Education Center.

RSVP required. Free for [Museum Members](#) ages 65 and older.

[Members' Monday](#)

Monday, December 16 | 11 am

As a special thank you for your Membership, all Members are invited to enjoy special holiday shopping at [The Museum Store](#) with 20% off, complimentary gift wrapping, and holiday treats from 11 am to 4 pm.

Please note this is a Members-Only shopping day. Not a Member? Join [here](#). PhxArt members enjoy additional benefits throughout the month of [December](#).

[Family Afternoon](#)

Saturday, December 28 | noon

Make memories together! Visitors of all ages and all skill levels are invited to participate in art-making, games and hands-on activities inspired by the Museum's collection and special exhibitions. Check out our scavenger hunt (with prizes!) to discover works of art from all corners of the Museum. Included with general admission. November's theme is "Texture."

Free for [Members](#) and included with general admission. All materials provided.

FILM

[Speed Sisters](#)

Saturday, December 7 | 1 pm

Sunday, December 15 | 1 pm

(A film by Amber Fares / 1 hr 20 min / NR / Arabic and English w/ English Subtitles)

The Speed Sisters are the first all-women race car driving team in the Middle East. They're bold. They're fearless. And they're tearing up tracks all over Palestine.

The Speed Sisters are the first all-woman race car driving team in the Middle East. Grabbing headlines and turning heads at improvised tracks across the West Bank, these five women have sped their way into the heart of the gritty, male-dominated Palestinian street car-racing scene. Weaving together their lives on and off the track, *SPEED SISTERS* takes you on a surprising journey into the drive to go further and faster than anyone thought you could.

Free for Members. Included with general admission.

Sponsored by Carl & Marilyn Thoma Art Foundation.

[Bolshoi Ballet in Cinema: The Nutcracker](#)

Saturday, December 21 | 1 pm

Sunday, December 29 | 1pm

(Choreography by Yuri Grigorovich / 2hr 30 min / All-ages / English)

On Christmas Eve, the mysterious Drosselmeyer brings a Nutcracker doll as a gift for his goddaughter Marie. At midnight, the doll comes to life and finds himself in a battle led with the Mouse King, while Marie watches in fear. The Bolshoi's magical Nutcracker production captivates audiences of all ages and brings them on a whirlwind journey of enchantment with rising star Soloist Margarita Shraimer perfectly embodying Marie's innocence and joy along with the supremely elegant Principal Dancer Semyon Chudin as her Nutcracker Prince. A timeless holiday classic accompanied by Tchaikovsky's beloved score.

Please note: Bolshoi Ballet in Cinema is a telecast and not a live performance at the Museum.

Tickets are \$15 for [Members](#) and \$18 for the general public. This price does not include general admission to the Museum.

As part of [December is for Members](#), Members are welcome to stop by a Members-Only Lounge on Saturday, December 21 from noon to 4 pm. Ask about the location at check-in. Not a Member? Join [here!](#)

WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

[Stroller Tour Tuesday](#)

December 10 | 10:30 am

Discover the Museum with your baby in tow and give your brain a morning boost! Caregivers and their littlest ones; ages 0-18 months, join educators for art-inspired conversation designed for curious adults and our youngest museum visitors. Chatty babies and nursing moms welcome! December's theme is *Texture* and in January 2020 the Museum will launch a [Saturday Session](#) of Stroller Tours on the third Saturday of each month beginning on January 18!

Stroller tours are designed for caregivers with children who are comfortable in a stroller or front baby carrier for approximately 40 minutes. Advance reservations required as tour size is limited.

Included with General Museum admission. Free for Museum Members.

(Stay tuned for Saturday Stroller Tours in 2020!)

[December Object of the Month](#)

December 5, 7, 19, 26 | 11:30 am

Each month, join us for a gallery talk led by a Museum Docent and learn more about an object from the collection or on view in a special exhibition.

The idea for the work of art, *Extended Landscape Model for Total Reflective Abstraction* by artist Josiah McElheny, began with a conversation. Next, the artist had a conversation with his ideas and the media he would use and then, the art had a conversation with its environment. We invite you to join Master Docent Rebecca Albrecht in a conversation surrounding all these things and more. **Free for Members, included with General Admission.**

For questions, contact education@phxart.org

[Make It!](#)

December 18 | 3:30 pm

Make It! is a hands-on art-making space for all ages and abilities. Join Phoenix-based artists and museum staff to be inspired by works of art from the Museum's collection or current exhibitions.

Each month features a different object and art-making technique, and a chance to explore new materials, perspectives, and ways of connecting with art. This month, create your own abstract collage using atypical materials with Phoenix based artist, [Edgar Fernandez](#).

Make It! occurs once each month and is open to the public during [Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesdays](#).

[Mindfulness Session](#)

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19 | noon – 12:45 pm

Join us as we use art and guided meditation to connect to the moment and create a deeper understanding of artworks once per month. Take a little extra time to look, listen and relax your mind with our teams of museum educators and mindfulness guides.

Presented in partnership with Hospice of the Valley, each session focuses on one work of art in the Museum, blending guided mindfulness practice with a deeper reflection of an individual artwork.

Free for Members, included with general admission. [RSVP online](#).

*Slow Art takes place on the fourth Thursday of every month.

VOLUNTARY-DONATION AND FREE ACCESS TIMES

General admission is voluntary donation and/or free during the times listed below. Special fees apply to specially ticketed exhibitions.

[Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesday](#)

December 4, 11, 18 | 3 pm – 9 pm

In an effort to reduce economic barriers and increase access to the arts, Phoenix Art Museum offers Pay-What-You-Wish admission every Wednesday from 3 to 9 pm.

As the Museum's first and longest-running community-access program providing complimentary general admission and programming for all ages and interests, [Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesday](#) has welcomed nearly 1 million people to the Museum over the past two decades. Complimentary admission for Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesdays is generously supported by Macy's, SRP, and Wells Fargo.

[Discount Tire Free Family Sunday](#)

December 8 | noon – 5 pm

Through the generosity of Discount Tire, General admission to Phoenix Art Museum is waived and admission to the special-engagement exhibition [Legends of Speed](#) is discounted to **\$8 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 6 to 17 from noon–5 pm** with exciting activities, scavenger hunts, live performances, tours, and more for all ages.

[Military Access Program \(MAP@PAM\) sponsored by APS](#)

United States veterans, active-duty, and retired military personnel with valid military ID receive complimentary admission for themselves, one adult guest 18 and older, and their children aged 17 and under.

EXHIBITIONS

[Legends of Speed](#)

On view November 3, 2019 through March 15, 2020

Legends of Speed is the first major exhibition of racing cars presented at Phoenix Art Museum. Opening in fall 2019 and featuring more than 20 legendary cars by Maserati, Mercedes, Alfa Romeo, Ford, and more, the landmark exhibition showcases an unprecedented collection of cars driven by some of the greatest drivers in the history of racing, including A.J. Foyt, Dan Gurney, and Stirling Moss.

[PhxArt60: The Past Decade](#)

On view September 7, 2019 through January 26, 2020

Between 2009 and 2019, the permanent collection of Phoenix Art Museum has experienced incredible growth. This exhibition showcases select works of art acquired ten years after the Museum's 50th anniversary. *The Past Decade* demonstrates the Museum's firm commitment to diversity and artistic excellence through a careful selection of works from the departments of modern and contemporary art, Latin American art, American art, Asian art, and fashion design.

[Antonio: The Fine Art of Fashion Illustration](#)

On view September 21, 2019 through January 5, 2020

Featuring more than 100 original drawings, photographs, and magazines, *Antonio: The Fine Art of Fashion Illustration* is a multimedia exhibition of ANTONIO, the signature that represented the collaborative creative work of fashion visionaries Antonio Lopez and Juan Ramos.

[Transcendent Transcendentalists](#)

On view through December 15

Complementing the Museum's special-engagement exhibition [Agnes Pelton: Desert Transcendentalist](#), Raymond Jonson, Emil Bisttram, and Stuart Walker's 14 paintings in *Transcendent Transcendentalists*, including 12 of Jonson's paintings never before exhibited in an art museum, explores how these Transcendentalists guided viewers to higher planes of spirituality through abstract works.

COMING SOON:

[Ansel Adams: Performing the Print](#)

January 11 through May 10, 2020

Throughout the exhibition of sixty photographs, sets of prints – grouped in twos and threes, show how on different occasions Adams created varying interpretations from his own negatives. These groups demonstrate how, using the same score, Adams was constantly revising the way it was performed.

[Joseph Cornell: Things Unseen](#)

January 25 through August 16, 2020

Featuring 12 two-sided collages, two unlidged boxes filled with rolled paper and spools of thread, and one shadow box, *Joseph Cornell: Things Unseen* enables viewers to discover how Cornell used progressive art forms to explore surrealist concepts of memories, fantasies, and dreams, all while examining themes of childhood, nature, sensuality, non-linear time, and nostalgia for days gone by.

[Teresita Fernández: Elemental](#)

Co-organized with Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), the retrospective showcases more than 50 large-scale sculptures, installations, and mixed-media wall works created by Fernández over two decades, offering Arizona audiences the opportunity to experience her evocative creations that reinterpret the relationships between nature, history, and identity.

SPECIAL INSTALLATIONS

[Philip C. Curtis and the Landscapes of Arizona](#)

On view through November 15, 2020

[Selections from the Schorr Collection](#)

On view through December 29, 2019

[Guru Nanak: 550th Birth Anniversary of Sikhism's Founder](#)

On view through March 20, 2020

[Crickets, Tea, and Snuff: Chinese Intellectual Pursuits](#)

On view through March 29, 2020

[Clay and Bamboo: Japanese Ceramics and Flower Baskets](#)

On view through March 29, 2020

[Yayoi Kusama: You Who Are Getting Obliterated in the Dancing Swarm of Fireflies](#)

Now on view

For more details about exhibitions, please visit phxart.org/exhibition/current and phxart.org/exhibition/upcoming.

For more detailed information about events, please visit phxart.org/events/calendar.

For tickets to Phoenix Art Museum events, please visit tickets.phxart.org.

About Phoenix Art Museum

Phoenix Art Museum has provided access to visual arts and educational programs in Arizona for nearly 60 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 19,000 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 (602) 257-1880.

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