



MMAA CALENDAR

*APR 24 Hoosier Fashion Designers

Jennifer Johns, Ruthmere Museum, talks about Indiana designers, Norman Norrell, Bill Blass, Halston, and Stephen Sprouse.



APR 25 | MAY 2, 9, 16, 23 | JUNE 13, 27

YOGA in the galleries, Friday mornings with Jenny Nolan. See more info in this issue.

APR 26 Nate Gowdy: Eyewitness

Special Lecture event. See more info this issue.

*MAY 1 Gabor Peterdi : Echoes of War

Brian Byrn, Director, discusses the life and etchings of this important American Printmaker.

*MAY 8 National Gallery of Art in War

Adolf Hitler's expansionist aims for Nazi Germany set Europe on an inevitable road to war. In late August 1939, the National Gallery of London found itself at the center of a city expecting widespread bombing.

MAY 10 Museum's 46th Anniversary

Honoring Dr. Steve Conant. See more info in this issue.



MAY 18 International Museum Day

*MAY 15 Anna Hagen

A Performance and *Story of the Harp* by the renowned regional musician.

*MAY 22 Tuck Langland

The internationally famous IUSB Professor of Sculpture, *Emeritus*, presents a talk about Prehistoric Art and the neolithic foundations of civilization.

*MAY 28 Indiana Muse - Film

Robert Townsend's *Journey of Discovery*



***Indicates a Noon-Time Gallery talk, every Thursday at 12:15-1:15pm**
Members : Free | Non-members: Regular Admission

MMAA CALENDAR CONTINUED

JUN 3 ArtVault - Ribbon Cutting

*JUN 5 Sister Corita Kent

Robert Hohl, Saint Mary's College Librarian, *Emeritus*, discusses Corita Kent (1918-1986), also known as Sister Mary Corita Kent, an American artist, designer and educator, and former religious sister. Her work included themes of Christianity and social justice.



*JUN 12 Three Variables of Photography

Curator Randy Roberts discusses the differences of street photography & photo journalism, compared to fine art camera work.

JUN 14 Gyration & Jazz: The Gestural Drawings of Sheri Smith | All That Jazz: Artists Expressing Music

JUN 14 People & Places exhibit opens

See more info in this issue.

JUN 16 BUS TRIP to Chicago

See more info in this issue.

*JUN 19 Indigo Mood

Performance/narrative by Randy Horst & Ben Davis.

JUN 19-22 37th Elkhart Jazz Festival



JUN 25 Art Walk, 5-8PM

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

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Dr. Steve Conant
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LATEST NEWS

Important Updates from the Directors

**JOIN US FOR NEW EXHIBITS
& EXCITING PROGRAMS:
IT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR MUSEUM!**

This is an exciting time for MMAA. As Winter turns to Spring then Summer, there are many events, special exhibits, and a new gift shop called ArtVault happening and forthcoming. Most exciting of all perhaps is our outdoor installation of digital images of art works in the collection. No doubt is left to what this building has become — from sleeping Neo-Classical giant to 'Art House' extraordinaire! Time for a selfie next to any of the 21 color panels on the exterior!

Visit us and take in a weekly gallery talk, see exhibits, meet new museum staff, and participate in the experience of art.

Become a MEMBER today!

Brian Byrn
Jennifer Abrell
Directors

Gabor Peterdi: Echoes of War



Surrounded by luminary modernists of the 20th Century like Pablo Picasso and Joan Miro, Peterdi absorbed not only the technical lessons of etching and engraving, but also revealed a personal consciousness in his work of surreal images that evoke the onslaught of fear and the gathering storm clouds of war in Europe in the 1930s.

Peterdi went on to hunt Nazis in his native Hungary as an enlisted specialist for the US Army. Then, after the war, was hired by Josef Albers to teach printmaking at Yale University, where as a full Professor, he stayed for 23 years.



SATURDAY, MAY 10
46th Anniversary
Celebration of MMAA
6pm - 8pm at the Museum

Our Honoree at this year's anniversary celebration is **Dr. Steven Conant**. Since 1993, Dr. Conant has made significant contributions to the museum's permanent collection of 20th and 21st century works by major American artists totaling approximately 1,500 pieces.

Musical Entertainment: Celia Weiss, pianist
Admission: Free to Members, Non-Members \$15
RSVP to: r.roberts@midwestmuseum.us

ON VIEW:

Politics & Religion: Artists Speak Out!

Themes of social justice, immigration, religious symbolism, protest, and satire evoke voices of the past and reflect current precedents for the future. Since the days of Paul Revere in America or Honoré Daumier in France, artists have sought to bring forth images that might rouse the masses into thought provoking states of mindfulness or even protest. Seeing these current images in historical context as in this exhibit, provides a safe and neutral space within the museum allowing time for genuine reflection for the visitor.

Curated by Director, Brian Byrn, *Politics & Religion: Artists Speak Out!*, is a dynamic visual experience that will continue on view through June 8.

Nate Gowdy: Eyewitness

On January 6, 2021, the U.S. Capitol was transformed. History that day was shaped not only by violence on its steps, but written on the faces, gestures, and small human details of Americans who saw themselves as part of something greater: a performance of chaos, grievance, belonging.



Elkhart native Nate Gowdy moved among the crowd—not as a participant, but as a witness. As Nate Gowdy witnessed the gathering of crowds on January 6, 2021, his camera recorded images that move beyond typical journalism and are lifted into the realm of fine art. Viewed in the sanctuary of the Museum, visitors can judge the event for themselves, as the camera's lens and the photographer's eye capture the action.

Gowdy's first monograph, *INSURRECTION* (2023) is the only photo-journalistic book to document the historic moments of January 6, 2021. It has sold over 1,300 copies and will be available at the MMAA on April 26th! Come meet the artist!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yoga in the Gallery

FRIDAYS 9:15-10:15AM
Starting April 18



Join Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT) **Jenny Nolan** at the museum where we will explore movement as art, honoring the present moment and the beauty that is present all around us. All levels are welcome.

\$10 Non-Members //

\$7 Museum Members

Please bring your own mat.

Introducing...



Emma Marsh

A warm welcome and special introduction of **Emma Marsh**, our new Assistant Curator of Education, Programming & Exhibits and **Marissa Turner**, our new Assistant Curator of Collections & Exhibits.



Marissa Turner

Bus Trip to the Art Institute

MONDAY, JUNE 16

The first bus trip of the year takes us to the Art Institute of Chicago to see an engaging exhibit: *Frida Kahlo's Month in Paris: A Friendship with Mary Reynolds*.

Unveiling Frida Kahlo's work for the first time in the Art Institute galleries, this exhibition focuses on the celebrated Mexican artist's first and only trip to Europe and her brief yet pivotal encounter with Mary Reynolds, an American avant-garde bookbinder who stood at the center of a rich Parisian artistic community. The exhibit sheds light on this little-known chapter of 20th-century art history, recounting the legacies of Kahlo and Reynolds—both artists themselves and partners of artists—as they navigated Surrealism, identity, and cross-cultural exchange on the eve of World War II.

\$95 Members / \$115 Non-Members

Includes continental breakfast, museum admission and a return wine & cheese snack.

Depart MMAA at 10:00 AM; return at 7:15 PM

Lunch on your own. Fees are due upon registration.

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Limited seating. Call (574) 293-6660 or email r.roberts@midwestmuseum.us



SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 4-6 PM

Eyewitness

Special Lecture, Book Signing, & Reception

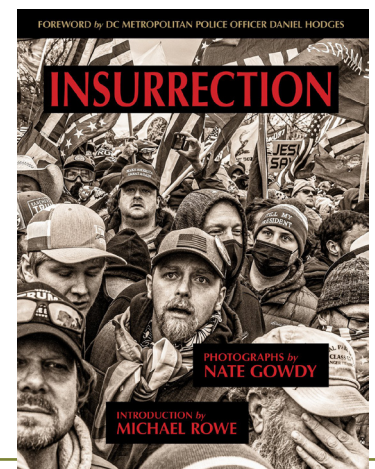
Nate Gowdy presents a compelling talk about his 'eyewitness' experience on January 6, 2021 during the historic moment that challenged America.

Don't miss it... RSVP today!

Books will be available for purchase and signed by the photographer.

\$10 - Members

\$15 - Non-Members



CALL OR EMAIL TO RSVP

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Limited to 100 guests.

People and Places, 1873-2000: Selected Photographs from the David Owsley Museum of Art at Ball State University

Guest curator: Ronn Brown

Born in Portland, Indiana, Ronn Brown followed a career path as a photographer for the television and film industry to Hollywood, California. This exhibition displays images from the history of photography that focus on capturing the subject's personality through gesture, facial expression, and setting. Featured photographers include Margaret Bourke-White, Imogen Cunningham, Lotte Jacobi, Philippe Halsman, and John Coplans. Brown's selections not only indicate the impact that these photographers had on his work, but also provide a new generation of student photographers, videographers, and artists—as well as the general public—with a catalyst for creativity.



COMING UP JUNE 14, 2025 mark your calendars

MORE...

POLITICS & RELIGION, GIFT SHOP MAKEOVER



ArtVault is coming soon!

Our new Front Desk & Gift Shop Manager, Michelle Enfield is reinventing your shopping experience! *Emphasis on ART!*

*Vote Please, Gary, IN, 2020,
by Kay Westhues*



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WHAT'S INSIDE IS WHAT'S OUTSIDE!

MMAA Art Outside Project

We have new digital panels created to reproduce some of our most celebrated original works of art inside the museum. These panels have been installed in the former blank window spaces on Marion & Main Street. A special 'Treasure Hunt' for families can be requested at the front desk to seek-out the 21 paintings on view inside the galleries.

This Inside/Outside Art Project is sponsored in part by Gordon & Jennifer Hughes, Donors to the Director's Circle.



SCAN TO VIEW MORE ONLINE

