

Norton Museum of Art

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The Norton Turns Winter Break into a Free, Art- and Fun-Filled, All-Ages Family Affair

LIVE MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES, DIY ART ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS, STORYTELLING, SHORT FILMS, EXHIBITION TOURS, AND MORE ARE ALL IN STORE!

WEST PALM BEACH, FL (Dec. 7, 2017) – Winter Break is a family affair at the Norton Museum of Art! With school out and relatives visiting, the Norton is presenting four fun-filled days of free programs and activities, including live music, art workshops, short films, a new exhibition of art-filled dollhouses (*Miss Lucy's 3 Day Dollhouse Party*), and much more! Winter Break at the Norton runs December 26, 27, 28, and 29 with special programming daily from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

In conjunction with the Norton's whimsical exhibition *Miss Lucy's 3 Day Dollhouse Party*, the Museum is presenting a variety of "mini" programs, including short films, mini musical performances, workshops where participants can create miniature artwork, talks on the miniature world of *Miss Lucy's 3 Day Dollhouse Party*. (See what happens when renowned artists offer to create original art for a local family's dollhouses!)

This program is made possible by the generosity of Publix Super Markets Charities. The schedule for each day is as follows:

12:15 p.m. / Mini Book + Art: Gather around to listen to a story then look at a work of art. (In English and Spanish for children 3 - 6 and their caregivers)

12:30 – 3:30 p.m. / DIY: Design mini works of art on a mini canvas

12:30 p.m. & 2 p.m. / Tours: *Miss Lucy's 3 Day Dollhouse Party*

1 p.m. / Performances: A variety of artistic presentations, including The House of Flying Cards magician troupe (Dec. 26) and Ballet Florida (Dec. 28).

2 – 4 p.m. / Mini-film screenings: Including 2-D animation, stop-motion animation, and Claymation

Art After Dark Schedule

The Norton's weekly **Art After Dark** program also takes place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 28, and includes the following:

5:30 p.m. / Film screening: the computer-animated comedy-drama, *Ice Age* (2002)

Woolly mammoth Manny, lovable sloth Sid, and saber-toothed tiger Diego form a surprising bond when the trio tries to return a human baby to its family during an ice-melting crisis.

5:30-6:30 PM/ Spotlight Talks: Learn the fascinating stories behind the following works in the Museum Collection:

5:30 p.m. / Henri Matisse's *Portrait of Marguerite*

5:45 p.m. / Augusta Savage's *Gamin*

6 p.m. / Walt Kuhn's *Morning*

6:15 p.m. / Il Nosadella's *Madonna and Child in Glory*

6-8 p.m. / Art Workshop: Miniature Painting

Make your own miniature painting inspired by the exhibition, *Miss Lucy's 3 Day Dollhouse Party*.

6:30-7 p.m. / Exhibition Tour: *Earth Works: Mapping the Anthropocene*

7 p.m./ Concert: First Lady of Song

Singer-songwriter Chloe Dolandis performs popular songs by the late, great Queen of Jazz, Ella Fitzgerald, who would have turned 100 this year.

Until 8:30 p.m. / Cellphone-Based Scavenger Hunt

Participate in the art scavenger hunt and enter a raffle to win prizes.

Until 8:30 p.m. / Cash Bar, featuring a Signature Cocktail each week!

ABOUT THE NORTON MUSEUM OF ART

Founded in 1941, the Norton Museum of Art is recognized for its distinguished holdings in American, European, and Chinese art, and a continually expanding presence for Photography and Contemporary art. Its masterpieces of 19th century and 20th century European painting and sculpture include works by Brancusi, Gauguin, Matisse, and Picasso, and American works by Stuart Davis, Hopper, O'Keeffe, Pollock, and Sheeler.

The Norton presents special exhibitions, lectures, tours, and programs for adults and children throughout the year. In 2011, the Norton launched RAW (Recognition of Art by Women), featuring the work of a living female painter or sculptor and funded by the Leonard and Sophie Davis Fund/MLDauray Arts Initiative. In 2012, the Norton established the biennial, international Rudin Prize for Emerging Photographers in partnership with Beth Rudin DeWoody, named in honor of her late father, Lewis Rudin.

In 2016, the Norton broke ground for a visionary expansion designed by architecture firm Foster + Partners, under the direction of Pritzker Prize-winning architect Lord Norman Foster. The project reorients the Norton's entrance to the main thoroughfare of South Dixie Highway, restoring the symmetry of the museum's original 1941 design, and includes a new 42,000-square-foot West Wing that doubles education space, and increases gallery space for the Norton's renowned collection. The

transformation of the Museum's 6.3-acre campus will create a museum in a garden, featuring new, verdant spaces and a sculpture garden.

The Norton is located at 1451 S. Olive Ave. in West Palm Beach, FL., and during construction through December 2018 is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. and Thursday, noon to 9 p.m., and is **free to the public**. Free parking and shuttle service is available at 1501 S. Dixie Highway. The Museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. For additional information, please call (561) 832-5196, or visit www.norton.org.

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