

LEXINGTON ART LEAGUE

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Here and Now Events

An exploration of Here and Now: Selections from the Artist Archive

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The Lexington Art League believes in building community, and this fall is full of events for the entire family.

LAL presents Family Day on October 17th from 11AM-1PM at the Loudoun House. The purpose of this opportunity is for families of children of all ages to experience Here and Now: Selections from the Artist Archive together in an interactive way. Family Day will feature an art scavenger hunt, a weaving project, magnetic poetry, and a "moon sand" play station. All activities are kid friendly. Each project is inspired by the artwork in the gallery. This approach allows children to learn about the art displayed in an engaging way. Weaving projects are based off of artwork by Dobree Adams and Erin Eldred. The magnetic poetry activity is inspired by artist Derrick Meads' beautiful hand-carved prayers, During. Admission is free and light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Continuing the Here and Now fall schedule is Fourth Friday on October 23 from 6pm-9pm at the Loudoun House. The event will feature a photo booth inspired by David Wischer's artwork, The Ultimate Family. This colorful, humorous, and fun depiction of a family draws parallel insight on the reality of our society. The Ultimate Family effortlessly inspired the idea to make Fourth Friday a costume friendly event. There will be a Halloween Costume Contest and the winner will go home with a piece of artwork from the CSA shop (a \$50 value)! Guests will enjoy live music from Will Solomon, delicious hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar from Bella Notte, and a live streaming photo booth provided by Addison Mills of FiveStar Imagery. Costumes for the photo booth will be provided by AthensWest Theatre Company and Sayre School. Admission is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

Also happening at the October Fourth Friday is a Pop-Up Show featuring artwork from the kids of Common Good, an organization that offers both summer and after-school programs to K-5 students in the North Lexington community. Each week, Lexington Art League offers free art classes for these children as part of its commitment to

community outreach through the arts. LAL provides a context based curriculum that is designed to directly correlate with current organizational programming and exhibitions. During September and October, students at Common Good have been working on projects inspired by several local artists that are part of the Here and Now exhibition as well as the Artist Archive project, a searchable online compendium that features profiles of over 200 local artists. This artwork will be featured in a Pop-Up show that will be at Fourth Friday and stay on display for the duration of Here and Now. The work of Common Good and Lexington Art League helps to foster relationships between the North Lexington residents and the arts community. This Pop-Up show offers students the opportunity to experience the relevance of art outside of the classroom and gives them a platform to display their artwork. We welcome everyone to come enjoy this interactive event and support what these children are bringing to this community through their artwork.

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HERE & NOW: SELECTIONS FROM THE ARTIST ARCHIVE EVENTS:

Family Day/ Scavenger Hunt - Oct 17, 11 am - 1 pm

Fourth Friday - Oct 23, 6 - 9 pm

Gallery Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday 10am - 8pm

Saturday & Sunday 1 - 4pm

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About Lexington Art League

Committed to building a world where art, artists, and art-making flourish among regional, national, and international communities, LAL provides free, quality contemporary art programming, including exhibitions, youth education and outreach programs, artist conversations, community tours, and more.

Founded in 1957, LAL has radically evolved beyond the parameters of traditional art leagues. While keeping the core of the art league model--a robust membership deeply committed to the value of visual art in contemporary life--LAL embraces 21st Century approaches to curatorial programming, community-building, place-making, art education, and outreach to underserved communities.

LAL's slogan, "Art for Everyone," reflects the organization's commitment to providing

multiple access points for patrons to experience visual art. From the Woodland Art Fair, an outdoor, weekend-long juried art sale which draws more than 60,000 visitors to large-scale art exhibitions at The Loudoun House to the The 20, a high-end art auction, LAL sees itself as a visual art organization that fosters relevant connections among diverse cross-sections of the public and thought-provoking contemporary artwork by local, regional, national, and international artists.

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