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August at Crystal Bridges includes:

Summer Film Series, Summer Fling, and the End of the Chihuly Gallery Exhibit

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**Bentonville Ark. – August brings an explosion of summer fun to Crystal Bridges with Summer Fling on the rise, the final films in the Summer Film Series, classes for both children and adults inspired by *Chihuly: In the Gallery and In the Forest* and so much more.**

It will soon be time to say goodbye to part of the *Chihuly: In the Gallery and In the Forest* exhibit this month. The gallery portion of the *Chihuly In the Gallery and In the Forest* temporary exhibit will be closing on August 14, however the outdoor exhibit located along the North Forest Trail will remain open until November 13.

Arkansas film lovers are invited to attend the Summer Film Series screenings and discussions which will explore both the film industry in the state and the state’s influence on the film industry. A discussion of low-budget cult films will take place before a screening of *The Legend of Boggy Creek* on August 2, and another discussion on the current state of Arkansas film will take place on August 9 during a screening of Jeff Nichols’s *Mud*.

The Chihuly experience continues for all ages. Activities inspired by the temporary exhibit, *Chihuly: In the Gallery and In the Forest*, are offered for both adults and children in the upcoming month. Crazy Colors Pre-School Playdate will offer art projects, story time, and creative play on August 10. The Art Buzz: All About Glass three-part series August 23, 30, and September 6 will take a twist on glass arts for adults in conversation over drink and light appetizers. Other inspired classes such as Jewelry on August 20 are offered for adults as well.

Artfusion’s Summer Fling will be the way to end summer in style. There will be no better way to end the summer than live music, drinks, cuisine, and cheer for those 21 and over by the Fly’s Eye Dome on August 12.

[**STAY IN THE KNOW**](https://tickets.crystalbridges.org/account/interests.aspx)**! Log in or create an account to customize *your* eNewsletters based on *your* interests.** A full listing of August programs is below. Information and registration are available on Crystal Bridges’ calendar of events.

**Summer Film Series » B-Movies in Arkansas: *The Legend of Boggy Creek***

**Wednesday, August 2, 8:30 to 10:30 pm**

Arkansas was no exception to the 1970s explosion of B-movies, many of them so bad they are comical. We’ll talk criminals, car chases, Roger Corman, gore, and more with low-budget cult films based in the state. After the discussion, we’ll watch *The Legend of Boggy Creek*, a 1972 pseudo-documentary about a small town near Texarkana menaced by the Fouke Monster, a local Bigfoot. This filmused primarily locals and cost $170,000 to make, but brought in close to $25 million due to drive-in audiences of the 1970s. Sponsored by Demara Titzer,and JTH Productions. Free, register online or with Guest Services.

**Artinfusion Insight » Movies with Monica**

**Thursday, August 3, 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

Hang out with Fayetteville-native Monica Thomas, a multimedia artist, dancer,and filmmaker, and find out what she’s been up to since she’s joined the national arts scene.

Sponsored by Saatchi & Saatchi X, RopeSwing, JTH Productions, General Mills, Greenwood Gearhart Inc., Johnson & Johnson, The Hershey Company, Wright Lindsey Jennings, and Blue Moon Brewing Company. Free to **art**infusion Members, register online or with Guest Services.

**Chihuly Saturday Nights » Performance by Monica Thomas**

**August 5, 6 to 10 pm**

*Expanding Glass, Expanding Body,* by choreographer Monica Thomas, will explore our interactions with glass arts, specially timed with the current exhibition, *Chihuly: In the Forest*. Thomas will present a dance-theater, site-specific exploration of space and sculptural materials, featuring Chicago-based professional dancers and Northwest Arkansas community performers. Monica and performers will explore Chihuly's forms, responding to their shapes, movement, and interaction with light through physical vignettes. Thomas, originally from Fayetteville, is a dancer, actor, choreographer, and filmmaker. She performed as a company member with Winifred Haun and Dancers, Mordine & Company, and Striding Lion Performance Group. Her dance film works have appeared in festivals nationally and internationally. $15 for non-Members, free to Members. Register online or with Guest Services. This fee covers the exhibition fee for our Chihuly Nights series starting at 6 p.m. You are welcome to arrive early or stay late to enjoy the outdoor exhibition. Sponsored by Paul M. Angell Family Foundation, Demara Titzer, and JTH Productions.

**Figure Drawing**

**Monday, August 7 and 21, 1 to 3 pm**

Join us on the first and third Mondays of each month to draw from a clothed model. Whether you’ve always had a love for figure drawing or are trying it for the first time, you’ll enjoy an afternoon drawing with other adults at the Museum. Model poses will include both shorter warm-up poses, and longer poses. All materials are provided. $10 for non-members and $5 for Members.

**Yoga and Art**

**Monday, August 7, 6 to 7 pm**

Exercise your body and mind at Crystal Bridges with yoga and art! Join Lynn Hancock of Yoga Story in an uplifting group class that explores different facets of vinyasa as well as various disciplines of yoga practice. Open to all levels. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mats and dress appropriately. $5 (Free for Members), register online or with Guest Services.

**Figure Drawing from the Nude Model**

**Wednesday, August 9 and 23, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

Join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month for this adult figure drawing class with a nude model. A variety of drawing materials will be provided, and model poses will include both shorter warm-up poses, and longer poses. Participants must be 18 or older. (Note: Figure Drawing sessions with a clothed model are offered on the first and third Mondays of each month, and are open to participants ages 14 and up.) $10 ($5 for Members)

**Summer Film Series » Indie Arkansas, 1990s to Today: *Mud***

**Wednesday, August 9, 8:30 to 10:30 pm**

Wrapping up the film series, we’ll take a look at where Arkansas film is today, discussing some famous examples like *Sling Blade*, *Winter’s Bone*, and more. The night’s screening will feature Jeff Nichols’s 2013 film *Mud,* starring Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, and Sam Shepard. Part coming-of-age quest, part redemption story, *Mud* takes place in a small town on the Mississippi River, where two boys befriend a mysterious fugitive living on an island.

Sponsored by Demara Titzer,and JTH Productions. Free, register online or with Guest Services.

**Preschool Playdate » Crazy Color**

**August 10, 11:30 am to 2 pm**

Electric yellow, radiant red, and lime green! Get ready for some crazy fun with color! Enjoy art projects, storytime, and creative play inspired by the temporary exhibition *Chihuly: In the Gallery and In the Forest*. Playdate begins with an 11:30 performance in the Great Hall.

Sponsored by the Segal Family Foundation. Free, no registration required.

**Gallery Conversation » Adonna Khare**

**Friday, August 11, 1 to 2 pm**

Join us for a special talk with *State of the Art* artist Adonna Khare in the focused exhibition *Animal Meet Human*. We’ll discuss Khare's artwork *Elephants*, which won the Grand Prize at 2012’s ArtPrize, one of the highest-profile art competitions in the world. Space is limited; please arrive 15 minutes early. Free, no registration required.

**Discover the Grounds » Arkansas Champion Trees**

**Saturday, August 12, 10 to 11:30 am**

Arkansas Champion Trees are unique from one another in size, width, and appearance as they each represent different species. However, not all Arkansas Champions are necessarily tree giants. In this Discover the Grounds, join Joe Fox of the Arkansas State Forestry Commission and artist Linda Palmer as they discuss what it takes to become a Champion Tree. Sponsored by Blue Rhino and Just-Us Printers. Free, register online or with Guest Services,

**Summer Fling**

**Saturday, August 12, 9 pm to midnight**

Mark your calendars! **Art**infusion’s Summer Fling is back, and this year, we’re throwing an end-of-summer bash like you’ve never seen before. Press those summer whites for one last hoorah, and say “So long!” to summer in true **art**infusion style with live music, libations, and artfully crafted cuisine. Must be 21 or over to attend. Sponsored by Saatchi & Saatchi X, RopeSwing, JTH Productions, General Mills, Greenwood Gearhart Inc., Johnson & Johnson, The Hershey Company, Wright Lindsey Jennings, and Blue Moon Brewing Company. $45 (Free to **art**infusion Members)

**WOW » The Sensory Iconoclasts Project**

**Wednesday, August 23, 6 to 7:30 pm**

Eve Smith, Visual Arts Director at Arts Center of the Ozarks, joins Crystal Bridges Director of Culinary Programming and Events Case Dighero as they discuss the Sensory Iconoclasts Project, showcasing the collaboration of art and cuisine between regional chefs and artists. Open to guests ages 21 and above. Sponsored by Premier Dermatology and Gelmart International. $40 ($32 for Members), register online or by calling Guest Services at 479.657.2335.

**Craft Squared » Wired!**

**Friday, August 18, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

Artist Joel Armstrong will get you all wrapped up in a new technique of drawing with wire! Join us in this social class pairing craft beer with a hands-on project, perfect for an evening of lighthearted studio fun with your friends. All materials, two glasses of beer, and light appetizers are provided. $55 ($44 members)

**Art Buzz » All About Glass**

**Wednesday, August 23, 30, and September 6, 7 to 8:30 pm**

Craving the latest in Art? Join in on our new program that mixes art, wine, and discussion for an evening that will leave you buzzing over the latest on our temporary exhibitions, new installations, and favorites from the collection. This three-part series will take a special twist on glass arts, inspired by the temporary exhibition Chihuly: In the Forest and glass artists in our permanent collection. Your ticket includes a signature drink, light appetizers, and great conversation each night! $55/3 sessions, ($44 Members), register online or with Guest Services.

*Menu (FOR WEB)*

**Night 1: August 16**

**Host: Curator Lauren Haynes**

**Art:** Select works from Chihuly in the Forest

The Buzz: Join Lauren to as she kicks-off our first evening with a discussion on artist Dale Chihuly and his spark in the Glass Arts Movement. After drinks and food, we’ll take a special look at his massive outdoor glass sculptures in the North Forest.

**Night 2: August 23**

**Host: Interpretation Manager Stace Treat**

**Art:** Select works from our Permanent Collection

The Buzz: Continue your discussion with Stace on contemporary sculpture and glass, including artists of the Finish Fetish, as he highlights artists from our permanent collection such as Fred Eversley, Peter Alexander, Karen Lamonte, and others breaking the mold of glass arts, resin, and more!

**Night 3: August 30**

**Host: Senior Educator Moira Anderson**

**Art:** A close look at Dress Impression with Wrinkled Cowl by Karen Lamonte

The Buzz: Moira will conclude the series with a special look at the life-size cast-glass sculpture Dress Impression with Wrinkled Cowl by Karen Lamonte. Come ready to reflect on glass art, sculpture, and the artistic process over drinks, followed by a special hands-on activity in the gallery.

**BYJ - Adult Workshop » Jewelry**

**Sunday, August 20, 1 to 5 pm**

Create wearable works of art inspired by the forms of art and nature, as well as by the works in our temporary exhibition, *Chihuly: In the Forest*! Led by instructor and artist Sally Ball, this workshop will cover the basics of wire wrapping and bead setting. Each participant will leave with a wearable work of art. $55 ($44 Members), register online or with Guest Services.

**Artinfusion VIP » WOW & Fayetteville Roots Festival Kickoff**

**August 23, 6 to 10:30 pm**

Join us the evening of August 23 to be an artinfusion VIP at WOW and the Fayetteville Roots Festival Kickoff! Artinfusion Members may purchase discounted tickets to the WOW program at 6 p.m. (see p.11), where you’ll have reserved seating to mingle with Roots Festival Performers. After WOW, join us at the concert from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and receive two complimentary drinks!

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**Fayetteville Roots Festival Kickoff!**

**August 23, 7:30 to 10:30 pm**

Presented by artinfusion, welcome The Roots Festival to Bentonville with outdoor music and food, featuring Jacob Jolliff Band (of Yonder Mountain String Band), Matt The Electrician (Austin, TX), Raina Rose (Austin, TX) and chefs from across the nation, region, and Northwest Arkansas collaborating on dynamic food tastings. Free, register online or with Guest Services.Sponsored by Saatchi & Saatchi X, RopeSwing, General Mills, Greenwood Gearhart, Inc., The Hershey Company, Wright Lindsey Jennings, Blue Moon Brewing Company, and JTH Productions.

**BYJ - Art by the Glass » Misshapen Masterpiece**

**Friday, August 25, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

Reshape the way you make art in this evening class pairing wine with artmaking! We'll take a look at how artists use angles, edges, and shapes before creating our own misshapen masterpiece. All materials, plus two glasses of wine and light appetizers, are provided. $55 ($44 for Members), register online or with Guest Services.

**Artinfusion Excursion » 211 Café Exhibition with Demara Titzer**

**Saturday, August 26**

Artinfusion will meet Northwest Arkansas arts patron Demara Titzer for an art reception. Titzer and 211 have joined forces with Life Styles Inc. to present an exhibition featuring works of art created by artists with disabilities. Join us to celebrate the creative endeavors of these talented artists! Sponsored by Saatchi & Saatchi X, RopeSwing, General Mills, Greenwood Gearhart Inc., Johnson & Johnson, The Hershey Company, Wright Lindsey Jennings, and Blue Moon Brewing Company. Exclusive to **art**infusion Members, watch out for email invitations.

**BYJ - Member Scoop » Bringing an Exhibition to Life**

**Thursday, August 31, 5 to 6 pm**

Have you ever wondered what a gallery looks like with no art on the walls? In this Member Scoop, we’ll hear from Project Manager of Exhibitions Catherine Hryniewicz and Interpretations Manager Stace Treat as they prepare for the installation of *Stuart Davis: In Full Swing*. The two will share a behind-the-scenes tour of the gallery after it’s been redesigned, painted, and fit with narrative graphics. The one thing that will be missing: the artwork. Join us to learn more about the detailed planning and logistics that go into exhibition design, and learn more about the narrative graphics that make art easier to understand. Free, register online or by calling the Member Priority Line.

**DISH » An Evening with Anna Moss**

**Thursday, August 31, 6 to 7:30 pm**

This series cultivates lively, insightful dialogue with strong women in the culinary and art worlds, while you enjoy appetizers and drinks. Join Crystal Bridges’ Case Dighero and singer-songwriter Anna Moss, co-founder of the band Handmade Moments. Moss gives an inspirational, soulful performance and glimpse into what it’s like to live life on the road.

$35 ($28 for Members), register online or by calling Guest Services at 479.657.2335.

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**About Crystal Bridges**

The mission of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art is to welcome all to celebrate the American spirit in a setting that unites the power of art with the beauty of nature. Since opening in 2011, the museum has welcomed 3 million visitors, with no cost for admission. The collection spans five centuries of American masterworks from Colonial to current day and is enhanced by temporary exhibitions. The museum is nestled on 120-acres of Ozark landscape and was designed by world-renowned architect Moshe Safdie. A rare Frank Lloyd Wright house was preserved and recently relocated to the museum grounds. Crystal Bridges offers public programs including lectures, performances, classes, and teacher development opportunities. Some 140,000 school children have participated in the Willard and Pat Walker School Visit program, which provides educational experiences for school groups at no cost to the schools. Additional museum amenities include a restaurant, gift store, library, and 4 miles of art and walking trails. For more information, visit CrystalBridges.org.

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