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The Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts Announces September 2024 Programming

September 6, 2024 (LITTLE ROCK, Ark.) — The <u>Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts (AMFA)</u> announces its lineup of September programming, featuring movie screenings to celebrate the opening of AMFA's new exhibition *Beyond the F1 Circuit: Artistry and Speed with Williams Racing*, the beginning of the 2024-25 AMFA Concert Series, and a special edition of Sparking Dialogue Through Drama. Additional programs include classes, tours, and special events that create an inclusive cultural space that inspires and builds community through art.

Highlights of the full schedule are as follows:

Creative Saturdays: Supercharged – September 7

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Price: Free Link: <u>Event Page</u>

Description: Visit the Windgate Art School for an open studio experience where you can explore and create! Whether you're an experienced artist or a first-time maker, enjoy hands-on activities and demonstrations for all ages. As you explore each studio, imagine life as a student here, meet our talented teaching artists, learn about our Reduced Tuition Program, and discover the variety of classes and workshops available.

Inspired by AMFA's new exhibition, *Beyond the F1 Circuit: Artistry and Speed with Williams Racing*, kick off your Saturday by designing and testing your own race car on the Museum's Little Rock F1 Race Circuit, a collaborative drawing project.

F1 Wheels on Reels: Cars 2 (2011) – September 7

Time: 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Price: \$15 for Adults / \$10 for Seniors (65+) and Children (2-11)
Link: Event Page
Description: Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! Celebrate the opening of AMFA's new exhibition
Beyond the F1 Circuit: Artistry and Speed with Williams Racing at this family-friendly screening of Disney's animated film Cars 2.

F1 Wheels on Reels: Rush (2013) – September 8 Time: 2:30 – 4:30 pm Price: \$15 for Adults / \$10 for Seniors (65+) and Children (2-11) Link: <u>Event Page</u> **Description:** Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! Celebrate the opening of AMFA's new exhibition *Beyond the F1 Circuit: Artistry and Speed with Williams Racing* at this screening of the thrilling racing film based on a true story, Rush.

Concert Series: Booker T. Jones – September 11

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 pm Price: \$70 for Members Link: Event Page

Description: Booker T. Jones, a Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee and GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, is renowned as the leader of Booker T. and the MGs and a legendary Hammond B3 player. He has produced classic albums like Willie Nelson's *Stardust* and Bill Withers' *Just As I Am*, and continues to tour and work on new projects while celebrating his legacy with his memoir *Time is Tight* and its companion album *Note by Note*.

Open Youth Auditions – September 14

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm Price: Free Link: Event Page Description: AMFA is casting youth actors for our upcoming holiday show!

No appointments are necessary – just come prepared to sing, dance, read scenes, and play acting games. All materials will be provided.

Community roles are volunteer positions. Actors must be able to commit to evening and weekend rehearsals October 28 – November 30, 2024, plus weekday and weekend rehearsals and performances December 1-22, 2024.

Open Adult Auditions – September 14

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm Price: Free Link: Event Page Description: Adult professional actor auditions are taking place at AMFA for our upcoming 2024-2025 season! We are officially casting puppeteers for Flurffy and Friends and actors for our mainstage shows.

AMFA is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in our organization, community, and beyond. We are seeking a broad spectrum of artists – adults of all races, genders, backgrounds, and abilities are encouraged to audition.

Sparking Dialogue Through Drama: Breaking the Box – September 19, 21

Time: September 19: 7:00 – 8:30 pm; September 21: 2:00 - 3:30 pm **Price:** Free **Link:** <u>Event Page</u>

Description: In this edition of Sparking Dialogue Through Drama, AMFA presents *Breaking the Box*–a live performance that combines documentary theatre, video footage, and music to examine race, education, and equality in America.

After the show, the dialogue continues as audiences are invited backstage with AMFA's Teen Advisory Board to meet the creators and ask questions.

An Evening with Isabel Wilkerson

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Doors open at 5:30 pm) Price: Free with advance registration

Link: Event Page

Description: Isabel Wilkerson, a Pulitzer Prize and National Humanities Medal-winner, and The New York Times bestselling author of *The Warmth of Other Suns and Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, will join Superintendent Robin White of Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site for a special evening as part of the 67th anniversary events commemorating the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School.

Members of the Little Rock Nine will be in attendance for this thought-provoking lecture and discussion on history, equality, and justice. The conversation will be followed by a book signing.

Ms. Wilkerson's appearance is presented by Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, in partnership with the City of Little Rock, Jefferson National Parks Association, Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, and the Central Arkansas Library System.

Creative Saturdays – September 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Price: Free Link: <u>Event Page</u>

Description: Get creative with your weekends and spend Saturday mornings at AMFA! Kids, adults, and families of all ages can discover something fun to see and do. Activities include a family-friendly Treasure Map adventure, browsing books in the Cultural Living Room, and brunch at Park Grill.

ArtStart – September 3, 11, 17, 25

Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am Price: Free Link: Event Page Description: ArtStart is an early reader program that pairs children's books with art activities, inviting toddlers and preschool students to learn through reading, imaginative play, and art-making.

This free program welcomes parents, grandparents, caregivers, and our youngest patrons to drop in and explore with us – no reservations required!

Wednesday Spins – September 11, 18, 25

Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Price: Free Link: <u>Event Page</u>

Description: Enjoy a night of art, music, drinks, and socializing. The event features craft cocktails and music mixed by a live DJ, with gallery engagements from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Museum hours are as follows:

Monday / Closed Tuesday / 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday - Friday / 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday / 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday / 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For the full calendar of events, events.arkmfa.org. For more information about AMFA, visit arkmfa.org.

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About the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts

Founded in 1937, the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts is the largest cultural institution of its kind in the state, offering a unique blend of visual and performing arts experiences. AMFA is committed to featuring diverse media and artistic perspectives within its permanent collection as well as through rotating temporary exhibitions. AMFA's international collection spans eight centuries, with strengths in works on paper and contemporary craft, and includes notable holdings by artists from Arkansas, the South, and across the United States and Europe.

With a vibrant mix of ideas, cultures, people, and places, AMFA extends this commitment to diversity through the innovative Windgate Art School, a dynamic children's theatre and performing arts program, and community-focused educational programs for all ages. Located in Little Rock's oldest urban green space, MacArthur Park, AMFA's landmark building and grounds are designed by Studio Gang and SCAPE, in collaboration with Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects.