



Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts News Release

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Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts To Welcome Spring with the Fлимп Festival

Montgomery, AL, April 21, 2017 — The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts will welcome Spring with the return of the 28th annual Fлимп Festival, Saturday, May 6, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Nearly 3,000 people flocked to the event last year, and the Festival has become one of the most anticipated events on the MMFA's calendar.

The festivities begin with registration for the Do-Dah Pet Parade at 10:00 A.M. The Booker T. Washington Magnet High School Band leads the pet procession starting at 10:30 A.M. Bring your dog, bird, cat, or any other animal decked out in their favorite outfit to stroll around the Museum's grounds. After the parade, Do-Dah sponsor, The Barkery, will donate prizes for the best costumes or costume ensembles. The MMFA, BTW, and the Montgomery Humane Society will host a Canine Adoption Event from 10:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Throughout the day there are art-related activities and entertainment including a sidewalk chalk art competition and theatrical and musical presentations by BTW students. Guests can look forward to a new student performance every 30 minutes. A treasure hunt, starting in the Museum's Foyer, showcases works from the MMFA's permanent collection. The Alabama Shakespeare Festival adds fun with their costume chest. Also, *The Montgomery Advertiser* will provide virtual reality glasses for spectators who want to enhance their view of the Fлимп Festival.

This year's theme is "Quilting at the MMFA." One of the main attractions is the event's featured artist Yvonne Wells. Meet the Tuscaloosa native and view her quilt, *The Higginbothams II*, (1989) that will be on display in the Museum. You can participate in a writing/art competition inspired by the quilt. The Alabama Department of Archives and History will showcase a cotton gin related to the quilt theme.

Fлимп will also feature demonstrating artists Sheri Schumacher, Joanne Staley, and Julie Nelson. Percussionist Dave Holland offers a unique musical experience with his interactive drum circles and instruments from around the world.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, **FREE** to MMFA Members, City Employees, Active-Duty Military and their immediate families. Concessions from Marco's Pizza, Nancy's Italian Ice, and soft drinks are available for purchase.

For more information on the event and to pre-register your pet for the Do-Dah Parade, visit www.mmfa.org.

The Museum is grateful to the following Flimp sponsors: The *Montgomery Advertiser*, River Region Magazine, Parents Magazine, WSFA-TV, The Alabama News Network, American Klassic Designs, and the many supporters of the Chalk Art Competition.

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