

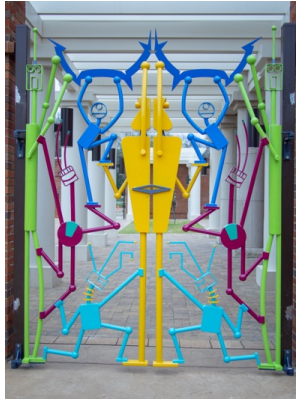


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The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Reveals a Gift that Sparks Imagination



Thursday, June 6, 10:30 AM

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Unveils a New Installation Created by Local Artist Vincent Buwalda!

Montgomery, AL—The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) is thrilled to introduce its latest permanent installation in the John and Joyce Caddell Sculpture Garden to the River Region. *The Children's Gate*, 2019, is a gift of the City of Montgomery in honor of the Montgomery art community. Mayor Todd Strange and the MMFA's Director Angie Dodson will present the Gate to local children, Museum supporters, the Sculpture Garden Committee, the Montgomery Business Committee on the Arts, and members of the media on Thursday, June 6, at 10:30 AM.

This brightly-colored work of art was crafted by Montgomery-based artist Vincent Buwalda (American, born 1965). Situated between the Sculpture Garden and the Education Courtyard, the Gate consists of playful robots welded from steel. Buwalda's inventive design will spark the imagination of people of all ages, encouraging all who enter the Education Courtyard to unleash their own creativity.

The Museum's Director and City and County officials will be available for interviews at the Gate immediately after the Mayor's Briefing.

Mayor Todd Strange and the Museum initiated the commission to celebrate local artists with the permanent placement of a work of art in the Garden. The Sculpture Garden Committee unanimously selected Buwalda's design from the call for proposals put forth by the MMFA and the Montgomery Business Committee on the Arts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

When: Thursday, June 6
10:30 AM

Where: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Education Courtyard (in the Sculpture Garden)
One Museum Drive, Montgomery, AL

General Support: The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, a department of the City of Montgomery, is supported by funds from the City of Montgomery, with support from the Montgomery County Commission and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association. Programs are made possible, in part, by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

General Information

Free admission and ample parking.

ArtWorks

Tuesday–Saturday, 10 AM–5 PM
Sunday, Noon to 5 PM

Galleries, Caddell Sculpture Garden, and Parker Terrace:

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Vincent Buwalda (American, born 1965), *The Children's Gate*, 2019, urethane paint on welded steel, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Gift of the City of Montgomery, Todd Strange, Mayor, 2019.6

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