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EXHIBITIONS



FOR CHILDREN:

The Elements of Art & Design

MMoA's exhibition **FOR CHILDREN** presents a maze of galleries for young visitors to experience creative, wacky, and immersive visual environments. It is designed for fun, while teaching kids the basic elements of creative art and design (line, texture, color, scale, and shape), as well as relationships between science and art.

The exhibition includes hands-on experiences and photo opportunities for kids of all ages.

Exhibition supported by The Crampton Trust, Spire Energy, The Caring Foundation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, ServisFirst Bank, and Hand Arendall LLC



Louise Nevelson: Dawn to Dusk

Organized by Farnsworth Art Museum and guest curated by Suzette McAvoy
January 29 – July 31, 2026

Spanning Louise Nevelson's career from 1929 to 1985, **Louise Nevelson: Dawn to Dusk** traces Nevelson's formative years to her emergence as a sculptor of international renown. Featuring 40 works from the Farnsworth Art Museum collection, the exhibition includes early paintings and figurative sculptures in terracotta, cast stone, and bronze, as well as later painted wood reliefs, collages, and handcrafted jewelry. These selections highlight themes central to her development: her immigrant

experience, her resilience in the face of cultural odds, and her pioneering, experimental approach to materials and installation.

Support for this exhibition & related programming provided by
Art Bridges, J.L. Bedsole Foundation, Ben May Charitable Trust, and Sybil Smith Foundation



Timeless Hats by Susie Mae Pugh-Williams: A Legacy of Creativity, Elegance, Reverence & Resilience

Curated by Dr. Irma McClaurin, PhD and Bobby C. Williams, Jr.

January 29 – August 15, 2026

Hats or ‘crowns,’ as they are known in African American communities, are an essential part of life and culture. Hats, or some form of headwear, have played a key role in African life from before the Atlantic slave trade of the 17th century to the present day, serving as symbols of reverence in houses of worship and signifying resilience in times of enslavement and freedom.

Susie Mae Pugh-Williams (1949 – 2020) was born and raised in Mobile, AL. She taught herself the art of millinery (hat making) and created hats, wraps, fascinators, and other headwear for herself, friends, and clients. Those creations would have been worn to church or for events such as weddings, Mardi Gras festivities, and other celebrations.

This exhibition contains more than two dozen hats that were made by Mrs. Williams or that she admired and drew inspiration from for her own creations.

Support for related programming provided by
District 1 Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood

Aminah Robinson: Journeys Home, a Visual Memoir

Organized by Columbus Museum of Art

March 27, 2026 – January 9, 2027

Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson (1940 – 2015) was a prolific artist who used traditional and unconventional materials to create a staggering body of work. Her drawings, paintings, sculptures, and mixed-media textiles chronicle her family's African ancestry, her worldwide travels, and her witness to African American life. A MacArthur Fellow, Robinson was also a researcher, historian, and poet who used her vast talents to draw harmony into a discordant world. When Robinson passed away, she entrusted her art, writing, personal belongings, and home studio to the Columbus Museum of Art in Ohio, her hometown museum.

Aminah Robinson: Journeys Home, a Visual Memoir brings together some of the artist's most profound works and words, produced over seven decades from 1948 to 2012. Drawing upon Robinson's historical research, folklore, and personal narrative, the exhibition presents a visual memoir of the artist's life and a compelling tableau of the African American experience.

Support for this exhibition & related programming provided by

Art Bridges, J.L. Bedsole Foundation, District 1 Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood,
The Mary Josephine Larkins Foundation, and the Community Foundation of South Alabama

Handle with Care

Curated by Micah Mermilliod

Exhibition originated by Alabama Contemporary Art Center
for Mobile Museum of Art

April 10, 2026 – March 27, 2027

Handle with Care is a new interactive exhibition exploring all the potential of what we take for granted.

In a partnership exhibition organized by the Alabama Contemporary Art Center for Mobile Museum of Art, artists Calder Kamin (Austin, TX) and Jacob Reptile (New Orleans, LA) transform trash into soft, complex sculptures to create a new kind of environment. Through purposeful reuse of fabrics, plastics, and second-hand materials, these artists create new alien life-forms, flora, and fauna to populate an imagined landscape.

The space speaks to local ecology, the environmental impact of waste, and inspires a playful consideration of what we produce through industry. Everything here was once discarded, now re-purposed into a mythical topography that celebrates vibrant, unfettered growth and invites viewers to inhabit the exhibition as they consider how we inhabit the natural world we live in.

Everything has been touched by human hands and can be touched by them. Everything can find purpose with a little imagination, and the work of making a sustainable planet can also happen through play.

Support for this exhibition & related programming provided by

Teiger Foundation, Andy Warhol Foundation for Visual Arts, Mobile County Commission,
City of Mobile, Alabama, Alabama State Council on the Arts, and National Endowment for the Arts

Visit **MMoA** for free this spring!

Free Thursdays

Every Thursday, Mobile County Residents can visit MMoA for free with proof of residence thanks to the Mobile County Commission

Free First Responder Admission

Participants must present institution identification for free admission and are invited to bring up to four guests.

First responders include fire, police, EMS, and nurses.

Available May 1 – September 5, 2026

Museums for All Participant

Those receiving food assistance (SNAP) benefits can visit MMoA for free for up to four people, with the presentation of a SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card.

Free Military Admission

MMoA is a Blue Star Museum! General admission is available for veterans, active military, and their families with military identification.

Available May 16 – September 5, 2026

Free Teacher Admission

Participants must present school or institution identification for free admission and are invited to bring up to four guests.

Available May 1 – September 5, 2026

CLASSES

Make & Take Art

\$5 suggested donation per family

On select Thursdays, join us in the Lakefront Lobby for MMoA's Make & Take. In this class, we will explore a variety of art materials, processes, and techniques. Drop in anytime between 3 and 4:30 pm for an opportunity to explore art materials and get creative with MMoA!

Available on: April 2, April 9, April 16, and April 30
May 7, May 14, and May 21
June 4, June 11, June 18, and June 25

Toddler Time

MMoA Members: \$5 per child per session

Not-Yet Members: \$10 per child per session

Join us for single sessions of sensory-based art projects designed specifically for toddlers and preschool children. Toddler Time is open to children ages 1 through 5.

April 9, 10 – 10:45 am | Animal Sculptures

Students will use recyclable materials to create their own animal sculpture using tape, glue, and a variety of scrap materials.

May 14, 10 – 10:45 am | Finger Painting

Students will use finger paints, and other drawing tools to create a colorful bouquet.

Spring Break Camp

Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17

Ages: 8 – 12

FULL DAY, 9 am – 4 pm

MMoA Members: \$250 per child | Not-Yet Members: \$300 per child

HALF DAY, Morning (9 am – 12 pm) OR Afternoon (1 – 4 pm)

MMoA Members: \$125 per child | Not-Yet Members: \$175 per child

Spring Break Camp at Mobile Museum of Art invites young artists to find inspiration while exploring the Museum's vibrant galleries and world-class collection. In the morning, students will dive into "The Joy of Nature Journaling," becoming explorer-artists who document the environment through "color walks" and mixed-media journaling to build a deep connection with the world around them. In the afternoon, the focus shifts to "Clay Camp" with instructor Michelle Payne, where participants engage in a series of hands-on, tactile ceramic projects to round out their creative day.

Family Art

MMoA Members: \$5 per child
per session

Not-Yet Members: \$10 per child
per session

This class is for families to create together. Each month, a different art medium will be featured, accompanied by a project tied to the MMoA collection. Parents are encouraged to stay and create with their families. Suitable for homeschool families.

April 23, 3 – 4:30 pm

Hand Sewn Stuffed Animals

Students will be guided by a teaching artist in creating a stuffed animal base, measuring body shape and head shape, and adding extra details, before embellishing it with a variety of recycled materials like buttons, scraps of fabric, and more!



May 28, 3 – 4:30 pm

Portraits from Collections and Special Exhibitions

Let's make a face! Students will view portraits from diverse eras to compare and contrast how artists use materials. The teacher will guide students in creating high-contrast self-portraits from life.



SATURDAY WORKSHOP

\$80 – 120 per person for MMoA Members (price varies by workshop)

\$100 – 150 per person for Not-Yet Members (price varies by workshop)

Ages: 16+

Join us in our Education Wing for SATURDAY WORKSHOPS! On select Saturdays, MMoA will host workshops covering a wide range of media such as painting, clay, collage, and printmaking. Led by professional teaching artists, each session guides participants from concept to completion, culminating in original works of art inspired by the Museum's collections. Adult workshops offer opportunities to explore a variety of art materials and techniques. They're designed to be beginner-friendly while still providing depth and challenge for more experienced artists.

April 25, 10 am – 2 pm Sparkle Resin

May 2, 10 am – 2 pm Hand Building – Candy Dish with Hat

June 13, 10 am – 2 pm The Joy of Nature Journaling

Creative Night for Two

\$30 per pair for MMoA Members | \$50 per pair for Not-Yet Members

Ages: 16+

Unleash your creativity with a partner or on your own! Each class explores diverse artistic themes, processes, and materials. Registration includes all supplies for two, making it perfect for partners, friends, or individuals.

April 30, 5:30 – 8 pm | Zentangles

This one-night workshop invites you to explore the relaxing, no-pressure world of Zentangle. Each pair will complete two collaborative works of art to take home. No experience needed.

May 28, 5:30 – 8 pm | Fused Glass

Join MMoA in the studio as we explore fused glass, an exciting technique where pieces of glass are melted together in a kiln. Experiment with light, color, and texture while crafting your own unique fused glass piece.

June 25, 5:30 – 8 pm | Collage Printmaking

Building on themes from the Nevelson exhibition, this printmaking workshop explores structure, repetition, and contrast through collagraph and relief techniques. Participants will create their own textured printing plates using found and natural materials, producing a series of layered black-and-white prints.

The Hats Have It! Family Hats Workshop with Lisa McFadden

Friday, May 29, 10 am – 12:30 pm

\$15 per child for MMoA Members | \$20 per child for Not-Yet Members

Ages: 5+ | One child per adult

Explore this sustainable workshop using unconventional objects and millinery supplies that you can find in your own home. Milliner Lisa McFadden guides you through the steps to craft a unique head wear work of art. Bring your own items to add to the design!

Skirt Your Crown: Hats Class for Adults with Lisa McFadden

Saturday, May 30, 1 – 5:30 pm

\$15 for MMoA Members | \$20 for Not-Yet Members

Ages: 16+

Inspired by the legacy of Mrs. Susie Mae Pugh-Williams, New York Milliner, Lisa McFadden invites you to a hands-on journey to create a special occasion head wear accessory she calls a 'hat skirt.' Participants will learn millinery techniques and tidbits they can use in their designs along the way.

SUMMER ART CAMP

Mobile Museum of Art's art camps offer in-depth art knowledge with fun, hands-on art activities for ages 5 – 16. Taught by trained art professionals, each class is customized by age group to explore concepts relating to the elements and principles of art, famous artists, and the MMoA museum collection. Tours in the galleries — including *FOR CHILDREN: The Elements of Art & Design* and *Fantastical Forest* — enhance students' understanding and allow for interactive experiences.

All camps will run Monday through Friday, unless otherwise noted. To fit into your busy summer schedule, campers can register for the morning session (9 am – noon), the afternoon session (1 – 4 pm), or the full-day session (9 am – 4 pm).



Ages 5 – 7

WEEK 1: June 1 – 5

WEEK 2: June 8 – 12

WEEK 3: July 6 – 10

WEEK 4: July 13 – 17

WEEK 5: July 20 – 24

Ages 8 – 11

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WEEK 5: July 20 – 24

Ages 12+

WEEK 1: June 15 – 18**

MMoA MEMBERS*

\$125 half-day | \$250 full-day

NOT-YET MEMBERS

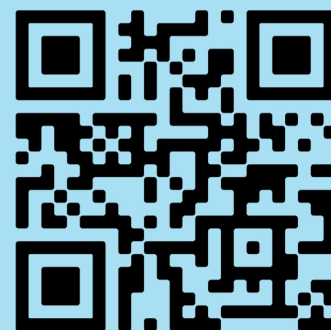
\$175 half-day | \$350 full-day

* To receive the member rate, membership must be Family Membership level or higher

** Due to the shortened schedule for this class, the prices are:

MMoA MEMBERS* \$100 half-day | \$200 full-day
NOT-YET MEMBERS \$140 half-day | \$280 full-day

For more info about Summer Art
Camp and to register,
scan the QR code



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Questions? Contact:

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PROGRAMS

ART TALK: Terrence Spivey

Thursday, April 16, 6 – 7:30 pm

Join award-winning director Terrence Spivey (“An Ocean in My Bones”) as he explores the art and history behind the stage.

Discover how painter Romare Bearden influenced August Wilson, and how the tradition of “church hats” birthed Regina Taylor’s gospel musical, “Crowns.”

BRIDGING GENERATIONS:

Aminah Robinson Family Day

Saturday, April 18, 10 am – 1 pm

Join us as we celebrate the legacy of artist Aminah Robinson. Inspired by the exhibition ***Aminah Robinson: Journeys Home, a Visual Memoir***, this Family Day will immerse guests in the artist’s multifaceted work.

Join us for tours of her work, performances by director Terrence Spivey and company, and opportunities to create works of art inspired by Robinson.

Guests can participate in a watercolor painting activity reflecting on community stories or create a RagGonNon Fabric Journal in our Family Class.



PowerLines Poetry

Thursday, April 23, 6 – 7:30 pm

PowerLines Poets will perform original poetry inspired by ***Aminah Robinson: Journeys Home, a Visual Memoir*** and ***Timeless Hats by Susie Mae Pugh-Williams***, along with many of their past favorites. There will also be an open mic segment for the audience to share some of their own poetry.

Hatitude Tea Party

Saturday, May 2, 2 – 4 pm

\$10 for MMoA Members | \$15 for Not-Yet Members

Tables Available for Purchase

Step into an afternoon of style and tradition at Mobile Museum of Art for the Hatitude Tea Party. Inspired by the special exhibition *Timeless Hats*, this gathering honors self-taught Mobile milliner Susie Mae Pugh-Williams (1949 – 2020). Her handcrafted hats, wraps, and fascinators are more than accessories — they are “crowns” that embody a rich heritage of artistry and resilience.

Enjoy tea, light refreshments, and the graceful sounds of a live harpist. You'll have time to explore the exhibition and reflect on Mrs. Williams' remarkable work before visiting our curated bloom bar to assemble a custom bouquet to take home. Dr. Irma McClaurin will serve as MC, providing insight into the deep cultural significance of the traditions being honored.

We invite you to arrive in your most expressive headwear to fully embody your own “Hatitude.” Prizes will be awarded for Best Hats, celebrating creativity, elegance, and individuality.

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets or visit our website at

MobileMuseumofArt.com/Hatitude
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE | TICKET REQUIRED



ART TALK:

Art Through Diverse Lenses

Thursday, May 14, 6 – 7:30 pm

How does art connect us?

Join us for an evening of reflection and creativity at Mobile Museum of Art as we explore the layered visual languages of Aminah Robinson and Louise Nevelson.

Through Robinson's storytelling and Nevelson's monumental forms, we invite you to view art through a new lens. Our guest panel — featuring experts from Social Work, Law, Healthcare, and Education — will discuss how art bridges the gap between our internal worlds and the community around us.

Food Truck Fest

Thursday, May 28, 3 – 7 pm

Get ready for an exciting, family-friendly evening at MMoA's Food Truck Fest! More than 15 food trucks will be serving up a wide variety of delicious dishes, from savory Southern comfort food and spicy wings to Mexican favorites, fresh corn on the cob, refreshing snow cones, and more. There's something for everyone, no matter what you're craving!

But MMoA's Food Truck Fest isn't just about food — it's a celebration of community, culture, fun, and most importantly, the kick-off to summer! Explore the Museum's exhibitions as we stay open late, giving you the chance to mix art and culture with your food adventure. We invite and encourage you to bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy your food in the beautiful park surroundings. This event is FREE and open to the public, so bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy the festivities!



Makers Market & Open House

Saturday, June 6, 1 – 5 pm

Savor the summer at Mobile Museum of Art's Makers Market & Open House! Join us for an afternoon of local shopping, live music, food trucks, art activities, and free admission to the Museum.

Support local artisans at the Makers Market, which will feature a variety of handmade items. Enjoy local, live music while you shop, and be sure to stop by one of our food trucks for tasty treats. Visit our Education Wing for fun art activities, and MMoA's popular children's installations, *FOR CHILDREN: The Elements of Art & Design* and *Fantastical Forest*, will be open for exploration.

Admission to the Museum will be free all day in addition to the afternoon activities.



ART TALK: Maria Nevelson

Thursday, June 18 @ 6:30 pm

Program generously sponsored by the Sybil Smith Foundation

Discover the life and enduring influence of Louise Nevelson through the eyes of her granddaughter, Maria Nevelson. As the Founder and Director of the Louise Nevelson Foundation, Maria offers a perspective that only family can provide, exploring how self-definition, structure, and experimental materials shaped one of the 20th century's most iconic artistic careers.

In this talk, Maria will offer unique personal stories and historical context for the works featured in *Louise Nevelson: Dawn to Dusk*. This discussion provides a rare window into the mind of a groundbreaking artist – from her early immigrant experience to her rise as an international sculptor – and offers deeper insight into her pioneering approach to wood assemblages, jewelry, and installation.

Maria Nevelson is a non-profit founder, researcher, and designer who has dedicated her career to the arts. In 2005, she established the Louise Nevelson Foundation to celebrate the artistic legacy of her grandmother. Through the Foundation, Maria oversees the Catalogue Raisonné and an extensive Oral History program. An expert on Louise Nevelson's body of work, Maria provides specialized art consulting and provenance research for auction houses including Christie's and Sotheby's. Her scholarship has been featured in exhibition catalogues for the Centre Pompidou-Metz and the Amon Carter Museum of Art, and she has appeared on *CBS Sunday Morning* with Faith Salie. Drawing on her background in design and sculpture, Maria continues to find innovative ways to share Louise Nevelson's pioneering spirit with new audiences.

Member-Guest Social

Friday, June 26 @ 6 pm

It's back and cooler than ever! Grab your favorite plus-one and head to Mobile Museum of Art for our third annual Member-Guest Social. Bring a friend, a family member, or that one person who could use a little more creativity in their life. Expect live music, cool drinks, light bites, and exclusive, insider tours led by Executive Director Jon Carfagno and Chief Curator of Art and Audience Engagement Stan Hackney.

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April 3
Good Friday

May 25
Memorial Day

June 19
Juneteenth

July 3
Independence Day
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