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OGDEN MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN ART ANNOUNCES ART OF GIVING
Holiday Shopping Night Presented by
the Ogden Museum of Southern Art's Center for Southern Craft & Design

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The Ogden Museum of Southern Art's Center for Southern Craft & Design will host its annual holiday shopping event, the Art of Giving, on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, from 5-8 PM. The event will feature live music, a cash bar, food, craft projects and free gift wrap provided by YELP. It is free and open to the public. Ogden Museum members will receive complimentary wine and a 15% discount on purchases.

This year's list of vendors includes:: Bern Ceramics, Goods That Matter, Hess & Co, Saint Claude, Tchoup Industries, Smoke Perfume, Earth Reverie, Brandi Couvillion, The Stacks Art & Design Bookstore, Bare Bones Studio, Holt McCall, Juliet Meeks, Alexandra Kilburn, Luna Press, NOLA Boards, Oxalis Apothecary, The Southern Letterpress and Hale Stewart. Pistil & Stamen will have wreaths for sale. Additionally, the Center for Southern Craft & Design's *Art of the Cup and Teapot Spotlight*, exhibited on the Museum's fourth floor, offers a selection of ceramic cups and teapots, all for sale through the Museum Store.

Artist Simon Gunning will also be present to sign copies of his new book "The River and the Painter: Simon Gunning, New Orleans, the Mississippi River and its Bayous". Produced in conjunction with the exhibit, *Simon Gunning and the Southern Louisiana Landscape*, on view at the Ogden until February 5, 2017, the book contains over 90 full-color plates of Gunning's paintings and sketches and includes an introductory essay and interview with the artist by author John M. Barry.

The Center for Southern Craft & Design supports the mission of the Ogden Museum of Southern Art to broaden the appreciation and understanding of the visual arts and

culture of the American South by offering Southern artists and craftspeople a platform to showcase and sell their work.

More information about the Art of Giving can be found by visiting ogdenmuseum.org.

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Located in the vibrant Warehouse Arts District of downtown New Orleans, Louisiana, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art holds the largest collection of Southern art and is recognized for its original exhibitions, public events, and educational programs which examine the development of visual art alongside Southern traditions of music, literature, and culinary heritage to provide a comprehensive story of the South. Established in 1999 and in Stephen Goldring Hall since 2003, the Museum welcomes almost 80,000 visitors annually, and attracts diverse audiences through its broad range of programming including exhibitions, lectures, film screenings, and concerts which are all part of its mission to broaden the knowledge, understanding, interpretation, and appreciation of the visual arts and culture of the American South.

The Ogden Museum is open Wednesday through Monday from 10AM-5PM and also on Thursdays from 6-8PM for Ogden After Hours. Admission is free to Museum Members and \$13.50 for adults, \$11 for seniors 65 and older, \$7.25 for children ages 5-17 and free for children under 5.

The Ogden Museum is free to Louisiana Residents on Thursdays from 10AM-5PM courtesy of The Helis Foundation. The Helis Foundation is a Louisiana private foundation, established by the William Helis Family. The Art Funds of the Helis Foundation advance access to the arts for the community through contributions that sustain operations for, provide free admission to, acquire works of art, and underwrite major exhibitions and projects of institutions within the Greater New Orleans area.

The Museum is closed Martin Luther King Day, Lundi Gras and Mardi Gras, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and day following, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

The Museum is located at 925 Camp Street, New Orleans Louisiana 70130. For more information visit ogdenmuseum.org or call [504-539-9650](tel:504-539-9650).