

HUDSON VALLEY MOCA

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Hudson Valley MOCA Offers Free Admission to Furloughed Government Workers



Fun for all ages at Drop In and Create, 2019

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Peekskill, NY, January 16, 2019: Effective immediately, Hudson Valley MOCA will offer **free admission** to visitors affected by the partial government shutdown. Furloughed government workers and those working without pay will be offered complimentary admission with one guest when they present a valid federal employee ID.

Hudson Valley MOCA is deeply committed to its community in Peekskill and beyond. According to the New York State Department of Labor, there are approximately 11,000 federal employees in the Hudson Valley and 4,000 federal employees in Westchester County.* Through this admissions change, we hope to acknowledge our community members who are some of the over 800,000 workers affected by the current partial shutdown.

“Hudson Valley MOCA would like to remain a constant in a time of uncertainty,” says Effie Phillips-Staley, Executive Director of Hudson Valley MOCA. “As a non-profit cultural institution we offer contemporary art exhibitions and programs that spark dialogue and enrich lives. No political standstill should impact our ability to see and experience the arts.”

All visitors can enjoy Hudson Valley MOCA throughout the week due to recently expanded hours. We are now open Wednesday through Friday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday through Sunday from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

In our continuing commitment to families in the area, Hudson Valley MOCA offers a *Drop In & Create* program, a **free art making** activity held in the gallery every Saturday from 1-4pm.

Free admission for furloughed and unpaid federal government workers will be offered for the duration of the partial government shutdown. For more information on current exhibitions and events, please visit hudsonvalleymoca.org.

* Based on 2nd quarter 2018 data from the NY State Department of Labor: <https://labor.ny.gov/stats/ins.asp>.

Current and Upcoming Exhibitions

Death is Irrelevant: Figurative Sculptures from the Marc and Livia Straus Family Collection, 1975-2018

On view through August 2, 2019

Featuring international figurative sculpture created over a forty-year period (1975–2018), *Death is Irrelevant* is a contemporary examination of our timeless inclination to recreate ourselves, explore fragility and mortality, and consider what it means to be alive. Artists include Damien Hirst, Huma Bhabha, Berlinde DeBruyckere and Adrián Villar Rojas.

Where is the Madness You Promised Me: Dystopian Paintings from the Marc and Livia Straus Family Collection

On view February 16 - April 14, 2019

Hudson Valley MOCA is pleased to present *Where is the Madness You Promised Me: Dystopian Paintings from the Marc and Livia Straus Family*. Featuring works by

contemporary artists from around the globe, the exhibition examines recent dystopian painting as a symptom of society's increasing anxiety over our future. Artists include Anj Smith, Zolt Bodoni and Nigel Cooke.

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Hudson Valley MOCA, located in Peekskill, NY, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts and education center dedicated to the enrichment of communities in the Hudson Valley and Peekskill, New York, through contemporary art exhibitions, arts education programs, artist residencies and lectures, and the Peekskill Project, our bi-annual international art festival.

Public Information: Hudson Valley MOCA, 1701 Main Street, PO Box 209, Peekskill, NY 10566, (914) 788-0100, hudsonvalleymoca.org. Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 12:00-6:00 p.m. Museum Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 Peekskill residents, seniors, students, children over 8; free for members and children 8 and under.

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