

## News Release

Press Office

T 212.423.3271

F 212.423.3232

## June 2017 Programs at the Jewish Museum

Jewish Museum

**New York, NY, May 23, 2017** – The Jewish Museum's 2017 slate of lectures, discussions, and events continues in June with a performance featuring composer John Zorn and poet Kenneth Goldsmith; "Franz Kafka" as portrayed by writer Rivka Galchen, in conversation with the Jewish Museum's Jens Hoffmann; and a concert by Banda de Los Muertos as part of the annual Museum Mile Festival, among other programs.

Further program and ticket information is available by calling 212.423.3337 or online at [TheJewishMuseum.org/calendar](http://TheJewishMuseum.org/calendar). All programs are at the Jewish Museum, Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street, Manhattan, unless otherwise indicated.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE – JUNE 2017

#### **Performance: Paris Capital of the 19th Century / New York Capital of the 20th Century**

**Sunday, June 4, 12 pm – 4 pm**

**Free with Museum Admission; RSVP Recommended**

Musician/composer John Zorn and poet Kenneth Goldsmith will present an afternoon of musical collaborations inspired by Walter Benjamin's masterpiece, *The Arcades Project*. The event will feature readings by Goldsmith exploring the themes of prewar Europe and postwar New York alternating with Zorn compositions performed by a lineup including JACK Quartet, Peter Evans, Mark Feldman, Erik Friedlander, Ches Smith, Michael Nicolas, David Fulmer, and John Zorn himself.

#### **Adult Studio Workshop: Provocative Portraits**

**Thursdays, June 8, 15, and 22, 5:30 – 8 pm**

**Course Fee: \$120 General; \$100 Members**

**All materials included; no prior experience necessary**

In this three-session workshop taught by artist Shellyne Rodriguez and presented in conjunction with the exhibition *Florine Stettheimer: Painting Poetry*, students hone in on Stettheimer's feminine aesthetics and attention to political subject matter while learning new techniques for making art in mixed-media. Using fabric, rhinestones, paint, and other materials, class participants will challenge convention and create self-portraits in the style of Stettheimer with a contemporary twist.

#### **This Is How We Do It: *Florine Stettheimer: Painting Poetry***

**Thursday, June 8, 6:30 pm**

**Free with Pay-What-You-Wish Admission; RSVP Recommended**

Stephen Brown, Neubauer Family Foundation Associate Curator, speaks about the process of developing *Florine Stettheimer: Painting Poetry*.

#### **Museum Mile Festival: Banda de Los Muertos**

**Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm**

**Free**

As part of the 39th annual Museum Mile Festival, the Jewish Museum will present an outdoor performance by Banda de Los Muertos. This marks the launch of the fourth year of the Jewish Museum's collaboration with Bang on a Can.

The Jewish Museum  
1109 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10128  
[TheJewishMuseum.org](http://TheJewishMuseum.org)

Under the auspices of  
The Jewish Theological Seminary

**Wish You Were Here: Franz Kafka**

**Thursday, June 22, 6:30 pm**

**Free with Pay-What-You-Wish Admission, RSVP Recommended**

Jens Hoffmann, Director of Special Exhibitions and Public Programs, will speak with "Franz Kafka" as portrayed by Rivka Galchen, novelist and contributor to *The New Yorker*, in a program inspired by the subjects of *Andy Warhol's Ten Portraits of Jews of the Twentieth Century* (1980).

This program has been funded by a donation from Lorraine and Martin Beitler who gifted *Andy Warhol's Ten Portraits of Jews of the Twentieth Century* to the Jewish Museum in 2006.

**Gallery Talks**

**Fridays, June 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2 pm**

**Free with Museum Admission – RSVP Recommended**

Thematic explorations of select works of art in current exhibitions, led by members of the Education Department:

*The Arcades: Contemporary Art and Walter Benjamin –  
The Flâneur Past and Present*

Friday, June 2, 2 pm

An examination of the 19th century concept of the "Flâneur," with a consideration of the culture and transformation of modern city life. Led by Theresa Hioki, Education Associate.

*Florine Stettheimer: Painting Poetry*

A Closer Look: Florine Stettheimer

Fridays, June 9 and 23, 2 pm

An exploration of Florine Stettheimer's singular role in the development of American modern art through consideration of her evocative paintings incorporating unusual choices of color, material, and composition. Led by Nelly Silagy Benedek, Director of Education, and Jenna Weiss, Manager of Public Programs

*The Arcades: Contemporary Art and Walter Benjamin –  
The Activist Shopper*

Friday, June 16, 2 pm

A discussion of the intersection of capitalism and the public sphere in modern society, with a focus on Walter Benjamin's political ideas. Led by Chris Gartrell, Assistant Manager of Adult Programs.

**Support**

Public programs are made possible by endowment support from the William Petschek Family, the Trustees of the Salo W. and Jeannette M. Baron Foundation, Barbara and Benjamin Zucker, the late William W. Hallo, the late Susanne Hallo Kalem, the late Ruth Hallo Landman, the Marshall M. Weinberg Fund, with additional support from Marshall M. Weinberg, the Rita J. and Stanley H. Kaplan Foundation, the Saul and Harriet M. Rothkopf Family Foundation, and Ellen Liman. Additional support is provided by Lorraine and Martin Beitler and through public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.



**About the Jewish Museum**

Located on New York City's famed Museum Mile, the Jewish Museum is a distinctive hub for art and Jewish culture for people of all backgrounds. Founded in 1904, the Museum was the first institution of its kind in the United States and is one of the oldest Jewish museums in the world. Devoted to exploring art and Jewish culture from ancient to contemporary, the Museum offers diverse exhibitions and programs, and maintains a unique collection of nearly 30,000 works of art, ceremonial objects, and media reflecting the global Jewish experience over more than 4,000 years.

Location: 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City  
Hours: Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, 11 am to 5:45 pm;  
Thursday, 11 am to 8 pm; and Friday, 11 am to 4 pm.  
Admission: \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for senior citizens, \$7.50 for students,  
free for visitors 18 and under and Jewish Museum members.  
Pay What You Wish on Thursdays from 5 pm to 8 pm.  
Free on Saturdays.  
Information: The public may call 212.423.3200 or visit  
[TheJewishMuseum.org](http://TheJewishMuseum.org)

# # #

Press contacts:  
Daniela Stigh and Alex Wittenberg  
The Jewish Museum  
212.423.3271  
dstigh@thejm.org  
awittenberg@thejm.org  
pressoffice@thejm.org (general inquiries)

