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## Harn Museum of Art Announces *Art After Dark*

GAINESVILLE, FL, Dec. 13, 2022—The University of Florida’s Harn Museum of Art is excited to introduce *Art After Dark*. Thanks to a private grant of \$300,000 the museum will remain open to the public until 9 pm every Thursday beginning Jan. 5, 2023. The extended hours offer Harn visitors more time to explore the permanent collection, experience special exhibitions, shop in the store and enjoy food and drinks while listening to music in the museum’s rotunda.



Photograph by Aaron Daye

“The Harn is a campus and community destination, and we are pleased to be able to extend our hours every Thursday night thanks to generous private funding,” says Dr. Lee Anne Chesterfield, Director of the Harn Museum of Art. “In addition to offering free admission, the Harn strongly believes that the museum will be accessible to more visitors by staying open later these evenings. Providing more hours outside of the museum’s currently offered Tuesday through Saturday 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday 1 - 5 pm schedule will allow our visitors additional opportunities to spend time at their art museum.”

This change also arrives just in time for the Harn’s upcoming exhibition [\*Posing Beauty in African American Culture\*](#), allowing visitors more time and opportunities to engage with world class art. Included in these extended hours, the Harn will continue its monthly Museum Nights program, which occurs the second Thursday of every month from 6 - 9 pm. The Camellia Court Café will be open and feature food and drink in a casual setting. The Harn Museum Store, offering art-related merchandise from books and jewelry to notecards and home accessories, will also be open.

Admission to the Harn Museum of Art is free.

**Current hours through Dec. 31, 2022:**

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday, 1 to 5 pm

**New hours beginning Jan. 5, 2023:**

Tuesday – Wednesday, 10 am to 5 pm  
Thursday, 10 am to 9 pm  
Friday – Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday, 1 to 5 pm

For more information visit [harn.ufl.edu](http://harn.ufl.edu).

**About the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art**

Since opening in 1990, the Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida has been a cornerstone of the North Central Florida arts and culture ecosystem. In addition to serving the students and faculty of the University, the Harn is the most prominent fine art museum in the greater North Central Florida region and demonstrates its commitment to being a cultural resource through its free admission and educational activities. The museum is known for its high quality and relevant exhibitions, many of which have toured across the United States. The Harn's collections consist of more than 13,000 works of art. They focus on African, Asian, modern and contemporary art, and photography with significant representation of Ancient American and Oceanic art, and a growing collection of prints and drawings before 1850.

The Harn Museum of Art, at 3259 Hull Road in Gainesville, Florida, is part of the University of Florida's Cultural Plaza, which is also home to the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Admission is free. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 pm Sunday. For more information visit [harn.ufl.edu](http://harn.ufl.edu).

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