

## BLANTON MUSEUM 卐 ART

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The Blanton introduces “Blanton All Day,” a full day of activities for all ages on the second weekend of each month



Starting next month, expanded art programming and hours will offer flexibility and new experiences.

**AUSTIN, TX – August 26, 2024** – The Blanton Museum of Art at The University of Texas at Austin announces that starting Sunday, September 15, their popular monthly event series (previously “Second Saturdays”) will become “**Blanton All Day**” and offer special programming throughout the entire day. The event will always take place on the second weekend of the month, **either on Saturday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. or Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.** When a UT Austin home football game falls on Saturday, Blanton All Day will occur on Sunday.

“We’re giving our museum visitors and members more opportunity and flexibility to enjoy the unique programs we’ve developed for this popular monthly event,” said director Simone Wicha. “Like Second Saturdays, **Blanton All Day** will feature live music and art talks and tours, while also expanding to offer a full day of programming at the museum, from morning to evening. This will also help attendees avoid the traffic and parking challenges of UT gamedays and let Longhorn fans fit our event into their weekend plans.”

### EXPANDED HOURS

Blanton All Day will run during the museum’s opening hours:

**On Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**On Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

## 2024 SCHEDULE

Each month, Blanton All Day will feature live music and activities related to a distinct theme. In 2024, the line-up is as follows:

<b>Sunday, September 15, 2024</b>	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Keepin' it Surreal
<b>Saturday, October 12, 2024</b>	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Photo/Synthesis
<b>Sunday, November 10, 2024</b>	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	A Feast for the Eyes
<b>Saturday, December 14, 2024</b>	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Jingle Jam



## ART EXPERIENCES

Blanton All Day's hours will give visitors more flexibility and more time to enjoy the museum and these art experiences—included with event admission:

### **Drawing to See \*NEW!**

Take pencil and pad in hand for an experience of close looking and sketching with a Blanton educator. The more you draw, the more you'll see! Materials provided. *Every month.*

### **Look & Listen Storytime \*NEW!**

Look at one work of art AND enjoy a related picture book read aloud by a Blanton educator. For children ages 4-8 with their adult companions. *Every month*

**Looking Together \*NEW!**

Spend time with a small group to share the experience of noticing, wondering, and making meaning in response to works of art. Guided activities may emphasize interpretation, personal connections, creativity, or play! *Every month.*

**Creative Cardmaking**

Want to send a truly special Valentine? A unique Mother's Day greeting? For select holidays, we'll provide materials for kids and adults alike to create heartfelt handmade cards. *Select months.*

**Art with an Expert**

Take a deep dive into art, art histories, and more with these unique talks presented by distinguished guests such as artists, curators, and art historians. *Select months.*

**Curator's Choice**

Get to know all about a Blanton curator's favorite artwork at the museum. Always compelling and not to be missed. *Every month.*

**Pop-up Print Exhibition**

These one-day-only themed exhibitions are curated from the Blanton's collection of 15,000+ works on paper and showcase various printmaking styles and methods across centuries. *Select months.*



**LIVE MUSIC**

In addition to a full day of art experiences, Blanton All Day will feature an array of popular Austin musicians and DJs performing during the afternoon or evening, outside on the Moody Patio stages or inside the Rapoport Atrium. Past musical acts have included Money Chicha, Superfónicos, Suzanna Choffel, and DJs Peligrosa Collective. Each month during the summer of 2025 (June, July, and August), the musical programming will focus on a dance style, such as salsa or swing, incorporating music and dance lessons.

## PICNICS

Food and drinks will be available for purchase, and attendees are welcome to bring their own picnic to enjoy on the grounds.

## ADMISSION

Tickets to Blanton All Day will remain the same price as for Second Saturdays, with Blanton Members always receiving free admission. Tickets are available at [blantonmuseum.org/allday](http://blantonmuseum.org/allday)

**Admission prices:**

\$20: Ages 18 & up

\$10: Ages 6-17

FREE: Ages 5 & under

FREE: Blanton Members

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**About the Blanton Museum of Art:**

Founded in 1963, the Blanton Museum of Art holds the largest public collection in Central Texas with more than 21,000 objects. Recognized as the home of *Austin* by Ellsworth Kelly, its major collecting areas are modern and contemporary U.S. and Latin American art, Italian Renaissance and Baroque paintings, and prints and drawings. The Blanton offers thought-provoking, visually arresting, and personally moving encounters with art.