

BLANTON MUSEUM 卐 ART

MEDIA ALERT: Announcing New Grounds Grand Opening Lineup and Schedule of Events



What: The Blanton Museum of Art welcomes the public to its newly reimagined grounds with an outdoor celebration on the new Moody Patio featuring several renowned Austin musicians and artists:

- 2–3 p.m.** Opening celebration featuring **Gina Chavez**, followed by remarks by Blanton Director Simone Wicha and special guests, and announcement of participatory art experience by **the Haas Brothers**.
- 3–4 p.m.** Performance by **Gina Chavez**
- 4–5 p.m.** Performance by **the Peterson Brothers**.
- 6–8 p.m.** DJ set by **Adrian Quesada**

Visitors can explore the new landscape and architectural features throughout the grounds, as well as four new large-scale art installations. Self-guided family activities will also be available.

Food and drinks from local vendors including Flyrite Chicken, Mama A's, Tamale Addiction, and Haymaker will be available for purchase. Amy's Ice Creams will have a signature Blanton ice cream flavor for sale.

The Blanton's Michener Gallery Building will be open until 8 p.m. with special programs (included with museum admission ticket):

- 3–8 p.m.** Pop-up exhibition in the museum's H-E-B Study Room. This one-day exhibition, titled *Molded by the Matrix*, features examples of collagraph printmaking and is inspired by a print by Cuban artist Belkis Ayón in the Blanton's collection.
- 3–7 p.m.** 30-minute public tours of highlights from the Blanton's collection, offered every hour on the hour. Tours will meet in the museum's Rapoport Atrium. Spanish-language tours offered at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- 4–5 p.m.** Readings by Texas writers in the museum's Meredith Lounge on the second floor. Limited seating; first come, first served.

When: The New Grounds Grand Opening is **Saturday, May 13, 2023, 2–8 p.m.**

Admission: Access to the grounds and outdoor celebration is free with RSVP, while entry to *Austin* by Ellsworth Kelly and the museum’s galleries that day requires an admission ticket or Blanton Member card. RSVP to the free public celebration is available at blantonmuseum.org/May13.

Getting there: The closest parking is at UT’s Brazos Garage to the east of the museum. Normal rates can be paid directly at the garage. (Blanton Members get a \$4 discounted rate at Check-In, valid all day). Ride-shares can drop off in the new Museum Drop-Off on the east side of the museum. Bicycle racks are available on the south side of Jester Center and on the west side of the museum’s Smith Administration Building. Public transit is encouraged; Cap Metro bus routes 1, 3, 7, 10, 18, 19, 20, 801, and 803 have stops within walking distance.

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Featured image: Gina Chavez (photo: Ismael Quintanilla III), The Peterson Brothers, Adrian Quesada

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.