

The Menil Collection

MEDIA ALERT

Neighborhood Community Day at the Menil Collection
April 5, 2025, 1–5 p.m.



HOUSTON—*March 17, 2025*—The Menil Collection will host its annual Neighborhood Community Day on Saturday, April 5, 1–5 p.m. Visitors are invited to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Cy Twombly Gallery and enjoy a **free** afternoon of art, music, poetry, and family activities in celebration of the museum’s vibrant neighborhood.

Participating organizations include DACAMERA, Houston Center for Photography, Inprint, The Menil Collection, Plant It Forward, Rothko Chapel, Watercolor Art Society, and Writers in the Schools (WITS).

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025, 1–5 p.m.

Where: The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. Houston, Texas 77006

Schedule of events:

1–1:30 p.m.: Spoken word performance by Meta4 Houston and WITS
MENIL LAWN

1–2 p.m.: Express Children’s Theatre presents “Art Class for Families with Frida Kahlo”
ROTHKO CHAPEL

1–3:30 p.m.: Typewriter poems by the Inprint Poetry Buskers
MENIL LAWN

1–4 p.m.: Paper folding workshop with Joan Son
MENIL DRAWING INSTITUTE

1:30–2 p.m.: Curator Talk with Michelle White on Cy Twombly
CY TWOMBLY GALLERY

2–3 p.m.: Jazz Trio Performance featuring DACAMERA Young Artists
MENIL LAWN

2–4 p.m.: Cy Twombly drawings on view
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2:30–3 p.m.: Curator Talk with Michelle White on Cy Twombly
CY TWOMBLY GALLERY

2:30–3 p.m.: Curator Talk with Kirsten Marples on Cy Twombly drawings
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2:30–3:30 p.m.: Watercolor demonstration
WATERCOLOR ART SOCIETY

3–4 p.m.: Poetry Workshop: Writers in the Schools (WITS) invites children to participate in a collaborative writing activity.
MENIL LAWN

3–4 p.m.: Drum Circle: Learn the basics of African drumming with Sam Dinkins III, copresented with DACAMERA
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3:30–4 p.m.: Curator Talk with Clare Elliott on Menil Collection History
MAIN BUILDING

3:30–4 p.m.: Curator Talk with Edouard Kopp on Cy Twombly drawings
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4–4:30 p.m.: Conservation Talk with Joy Bloser on Dan Flavin Installation

DAN FLAVIN INSTALLATION AT RICHMOND HALL

3:45–5 p.m.: Inprint Prize Winners Reading, featuring brief readings by winners of The University of Houston’s Alexandra L. Rowan Memorial Foundation Writing Competition, followed by short readings by the recipients of the annual Inprint Juried Prizes.

MENIL LAWN

All Day Activities:

- Ice House Radio DJ
- Create your own cyanotype using found objects and the light of the sun with the Flash Drive, Houston Center for Photography’s mobile education unit.
- Plant It Forward’s gardens and initiatives
- Scavenger hunt
- Sidewalk chalk drawing
- Make your own Menil button

Food Vendors:

- Eureka Heights Brew Co., Local Brewery
- Moon Rooster, Tacos and hot dogs
- Burger Joint, Burgers and fries
- Kona Ice, Flavored shaved ice

About the Menil Collection

Philanthropists and art patrons John and Dominique de Menil established the Menil Foundation in 1954 to foster greater public understanding and appreciation of art, architecture, culture, religion, and philosophy. In 1987, the Menil Collection’s main building opened to the public. Today, the Menil Collection consists of a group of art buildings and green spaces located within a residential neighborhood in central Houston. The Menil remains committed to its founders’ belief that art is essential to human experience and welcomes all visitors free of charge to its buildings and surrounding green spaces. menil.org

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