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Joslyn Art Museum Draws High School Students In with Fun, Educational Saturday Night of Art Instruction

Omaha, NE – Joslyn Art Museum's 6th annual *Draw-a-Thon* is a special night when high school students from across the city get together to work with local artists, draw, dance, and eat pizza. This year's event is Saturday, February 23, from 6 pm to midnight.

This annual, FREE, lock-in style event celebrates drawing as an essential component of the creative process. Participants move through a series of small group workshops led by artists from the Kent Bellows Studio & Center for Visual Arts' mentor program to gain insight about how drawing skills can be utilized in the creation of anything from sculptures and paintings to fashion designs and cupcakes. Participating artists include Leslie Diuguid, Angela Drakeford, Pam Hinson, Matthew Jones, Darren Houser, and Dan Richters.

A highlight of *Draw-a-Thon* is the collaborative storybook mural created throughout the night. After each workshop, participants gather in the fountain court and work together to create a mural based on a classic work of literature. Later, the finished mural is installed in Joslyn's Riley Family Education Gallery for Museum visitors to see.

Draw-a-Thon wraps-up with time for participants to explore the Museum or just hang out. Pizza, soda, and cookies will be served while students get to know each other. A DJ will be on hand to give out prizes and get people dancing.

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Draw-a-Thon at Joslyn Art Museum

Area art-minded students are encouraged not to miss this opportunity to draw, share ideas, and make friends! *Draw-a-Thon* is free, but reservations are required; reservation deadline is February 15.

Visit the *Draw-a-Thon* webpage (www.joslyn.org/visit/teen-programs/draw-a-thon/) or call Andy Smith, Joslyn's Studio Programs Manager, at (402) 661-3839.

Draw-a-Thon is presented as a free event, thanks to support from the Joslyn Art Museum Association, 89.7 The River (KIWR) / Iowa Western Community College, the Kent Bellows Studio & Center for Visual Arts, and Blick Art Materials, Inc.



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Our Mission – Joslyn Art Museum collects, preserves, and interprets the visual arts of the highest quality, fostering appreciation and enjoyment of art for the benefit of a diverse audience.

Our Vision – To be cherished and respected as a premier art museum.

The Museum was a gift to the people of Omaha from Sarah Joslyn in memory of her husband, George, who made his fortune as president of the Western Newspaper Union. The Museum's original 1931 building is one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation, with 38 types of marble from seven countries. The Walter and Suzanne Scott Pavilion, a 58,000-square-foot addition built in 1994, was designed by renowned British architect Norman Foster as his first U.S. commission. The Museum features galleries, a 1,000-seat concert hall, fountain court, education technology gallery, lecture hall, classrooms, sculpture garden, café, and shop.

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