

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale Launches Sensory Saturdays

A New Sensory Inclusive Program FREE For Children with Diverse Neurodivergent Needs

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. – [NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale](https://nsmuseum.org/) is excited to announce the launch of Sensory Saturdays, a new initiative aimed at providing a sensory inclusive museum experience for children with diverse neurodivergent needs, ages 6-17, and their families. NSU Art Museum is now the only museum in Broward certified by KultureCity®, a leading nonprofit organization committed to promoting inclusivity and accessibility for individuals with sensory needs.

Scheduled to take place on the second Saturday of September, November and January, and the third Saturday of March from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Sensory Saturdays offer a unique opportunity for families to create art in workspaces and explore the Museum in a calm, supportive environment. Visitors will have early, free access to the galleries, which will feature adjustments for low lighting and reduced sound to enhance comfort.

"NSU Art Museum is dedicated to making art accessible and inclusive for everyone in our community," said Bonnie Clearwater," Director and Chief Curator at NSU Art Museum. "By continuously exploring new initiatives and partnerships, we strive to ensure that every visitor feels welcome and valued, celebrating the diverse perspectives that enrich our cultural landscape."

As a KultureCity® Certified Museum, NSU Art Museum staff and security personnel have been trained to better understand sensory processing needs. KultureCity® Sensory Bags will also be available during museum hours for anyone (all ages) with sensory processing needs, including noise-canceling headphones, weighted lap pads, soft seating and sensory inclusive art supplies, ensuring that the Museum is sensory inclusive anytime to anyone.

"We are thrilled to launch Sensory Saturdays and offer a unique, welcoming space for neurodivergent children and their families to experience art in a way that is tailored to their needs," said Lisa Quinn, Lillian S. Wells Education Curator. "This program highlights our commitment to accessibility and inclusivity. Through our KultureCity® Certification, NSU Art Museum is making strides to be more inclusive by creating opportunities for our neurodivergent community, anytime, not only on Sensory Saturdays."

Admission to Sensory Saturday is free, however registration is required. Registration opens one month before each event. To ensure all interested families can participate, the Museum kindly requests that any cancellations be reported in advance, as spots are limited.

"Empowering communities through inclusion and innovation, NSU Art Museum is aligned with the same visionary spirit as KultureCity® and is championing a world where every individual, regardless of ability, is not just accepted but celebrated for their unique contributions to the tapestry of humanity," said Uma Srivastava, Executive Director of KultureCity®.

This program is made possible by the generous support of Robert E. Dooley Trust NSU Center for Autism Endowment Fund.

For more information or assistance registering for Sensory Saturdays, please call 954-262-0204, visit <https://nsmuseum.org/> or email education1@nova.edu.



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About NSU Art Museum

Founded in 1958, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is a premier destination for exhibitions and programs encompassing many facets of civilization's visual history. Located midway between Miami and Palm Beach in downtown Fort Lauderdale's arts and entertainment district, the Museum's 83,000 square-foot building, which opened in 1986, was designed by architect Edward Larrabee Barnes and contains over 25,000 square feet of exhibition space, the 256 -seat Horvitz auditorium, a museum store and café. In 2008, the Museum became part of Nova Southeastern University (NSU), one of the largest private research universities in the United States. NSU Art Museum is known for its significant collection of Latin American art, contemporary art with an emphasis on art by Black, Latinx and women artists, African art that spans the 19th to the 21st century, as well as works by American artist William Glackens, and the European CoBrA group of artists. Two scholarly research centers complement the collections: The Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman Latin American Art Study Center and the William J. Glackens Study Center.

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About Kulture City

KultureCity®, established in 2014, is a dynamic non-profit organization at the forefront of the inclusivity movement which continues to make waves in creating a more accessible and accepting world for individuals with sensory needs and invisible disabilities (found in 1 in 4 of us). In a short 10 years, a few highlights of KultureCity's impact includes making over 1,800 venues sensory inclusive certified, handing out almost a million sensory bags to individuals in need, making over 150 live events sensory inclusive, and saving 48 lives through the KultureCity® First Responder Training. KultureCity's commitment to inclusivity extends beyond physical spaces. The Organization actively collaborates with influential figures, businesses, and communities to promote awareness and understanding of invisible disabilities. KultureCity® partners with event industry leaders like NFL, NBA, MLB and FIFA to make their flagship events sensory inclusive. With Ongoing initiatives, partnerships, and a passionate community of supporters, KultureCity® is set to leave an enduring impact on the landscape of inclusivity.



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