

EXHIBITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Hilliard University Art Museum
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LEFT: Sir Winston S. Churchill. *Beach at Walmer*, c. 1938. Oil on canvas. Private Collection. RIGHT: Sir Winston S. Churchill. *Lake Scene at Norfolk*, c. 1930s. Oil on canvas. America's National Churchill Museum. Gift of Monsanto Company.

The Art of Sir Winston Churchill Exhibition Dates: January 17, 2020 – March 21, 2020

The Hilliard University Art Museum is pleased to be the exclusive venue for the exhibition *The Art of Sir Winston Churchill*.

History has painted a portrait of Winston Churchill as an ambitious, confident, bold, brash, and sometimes flawed man. Volumes have been written about Churchill, the confident statesman who led the British during World War II and inspired a nation during its “finest hour.” Churchill is remembered today—over five decades after his death—as a leader whose eccentricities and audacity contributed to his stubborn defiance in the face of adversity. He was also a passionate writer and orator. He wrote over 5,000 speeches, 42 books, and countless articles ranging from African travel journals to essays about oil painting, and in 1953 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for “his mastery of historical and biographical description as well as for brilliant oratory in defending exalted human values.”

There remains, however, another picture to be painted of Sir Winston Churchill: the portrait of Churchill as an artist.

The Art of Sir Winston Churchill offers a unique opportunity to view paintings rarely seen in North America by the British statesman Winston Churchill (1874–1965), one of the most renowned—and many say greatest—wartime leaders of the twentieth century. Bringing together works from America’s National Churchill Museum and private collections in the United States, this exhibition surveys the range of Churchill’s art, which for him was the greatest of hobbies.

The exhibition is organized by America's National Churchill Museum at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, and is presented at the museum in honor of our founding donor, Paul Hilliard, with support from the UL Lafayette Foundation, Badger Oil, and media sponsorship from *The Advocate*.

The Hilliard Art Museum will also be hosting a half-day symposium in conjunction with this exhibition. "Churchill in Conflict and Culture" will be presented in partnership with the National WWII Museum, and will take place on Friday, January 17, 2020. Beginning at 8:30am, this symposium will feature talks from numerous experts in the fields of History and Art History, and will offer an in-depth perspective into the life and times of statesman and artist Sir Winston Churchill. This event will be held at the LITE Center in Lafayette, Louisiana. The address for the LITE Center is 537 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70504. This event will be free of charge, and open to the public.

Upon request, press and media kits are available that include high resolution images and selected literature on the artist.

Museum Hours, Admission & General Information

The Hilliard University Art Museum is located at 710 East Saint Mary Boulevard, on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Museum Hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; closed Sunday and Monday. General Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (62+), \$3 Students (5-17). FREE for Members, UL Students/Staff/Faculty with identification, and visitors under 5. For general information, please visit HilliardMuseum.org or call 337-482-2278.

About the Hilliard Museum

The Hilliard University Art Museum operates on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and was originally founded in 1964 as the Art Center for Southwestern Louisiana. Featuring a state-of-the-art modern facility that was erected in 2004, the museum houses more than 2,200 objects in its permanent collection, and is the largest art exhibition space between New Orleans and Houston. The Hilliard serves a wide range of educational and cultural needs by fostering cross-disciplinary intellectual discourse on campus, and throughout the region. At the core of the Hilliard's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit the art of our time, while celebrating the great diversity of Louisiana's heritage.

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