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Free After-Hours Evenings at the Edge Program Returns on September 13 for Six Thursdays in Fall and Spring



Visitors enjoy the East Building Roof Terrace during a recent Evenings at the Edge program. National Gallery of Art, Washington

Washington, DC—Beginning Thursday, September 13, the National Gallery of Art will once again welcome visitors for live music and dance performances, hands-on art-making, and other activities throughout the iconic East Building, free of charge. Held on the second Thursday of each month from 6:00–9:00 p.m., the 2018–2019 season will feature three events in the fall on September 13, October 11, and November 8, and three in the spring on March 14, April 11, and May 9. Each evening will celebrate a different theme and offer new and exciting experiences.

Themes for the spring events will be announced later this fall. Performers and other details of each event remain subject to change.

Registration

Admission to Evenings at the Edge is free, but registration is required. To register and learn more about each program, visit nga.gov/evenings.

September 13 | British Invasion

Take a trip across the pond with an evening of Brit-inspired pop-up talks, live performances, and an exclusive first look at the exhibition [Rachel Whiteread](#) before it opens to the general public. Acclaimed bass player Ben Williams will set the stage for visitors to enjoy British hits throughout the building with DJ Adrian Loving and performances from award-winning tap dancer Jason Samuel Smith. Dance under silent film projections, snap a selfie in the Gallery's photo booth, and unleash your inner artist with communal art activities. Visitors can purchase fare inspired by British classics such as Cornish pasties and scones and enjoy a take on the Pimm's cup at the Roof Terrace bar.

October 11 | East Building 40th Birthday Party

I. M. Pei's iconic East Building opened in 1978. The Gallery is celebrating 40 years of this landmark building and modern art collection with disco music from local favorite DJ Kelton Higgins, a film inspired by the East Building, and pop-up talks featuring works of art from the 1970s. Visitors can design birthday cards, construct the museum of the future using blocks and magnetic tiles, play beloved games from the disco era, and indulge in cake pops and a variety of empanadas.

November 8 | From Light to Dark

It's time to fall back. Evenings at the Edge will mark the change in seasons with pop-up talks, art making, and performances. Learn how to paint with light, stargaze on the Gallery's rooftop terrace, and light up the dance floor with tunes from the sensational DJ Neekola and electric cellist Benjamin Gates. Pop-up talks will explore how artists use light and shadows to enhance their work. Specialty fare and beverages include black-and-white cookies and a dark-and-stormy-inspired cocktail.

Refreshments from Starr Catering Group, Inc.

A variety of beverages, including beer, wine, specialty themed cocktails, sodas, and assorted snacks will be available for purchase at stations throughout the East Building as well as at the Terrace Café on the Upper Level, which also sells house-made sandwiches and salads. Outside food and beverages are not permitted.

The East Building of the National Gallery of Art is located at Fourth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. The closest Metro stations are Archives–Navy Memorial–Penn Quarter on the Green and Yellow Lines, Federal Center SW and Smithsonian on the Orange, Silver, and Blue Lines, and Judiciary Square on the Red Line. The closest Metro bus stops are at 4th Street and Madison Avenue NW on

the P6 bus line, and Constitution Avenue and 3rd Street NW on the X1 line. The DC Circulator Bus stops at 4th Street and Madison Drive NW.

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General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are at all times free to the public. They are located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets at Constitution Avenue NW, and are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. For information call (202) 737-4215 or visit the Gallery's Web site at www.nga.gov. Follow the Gallery on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt, Twitter at www.twitter.com/ngadc, and Instagram at <http://instagram.com/ngadc>.

Visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection upon entering. Checkrooms are free of charge and located at each entrance. Luggage and other oversized bags must be presented at the 4th Street entrances to the East or West Building to permit x-ray screening and must be deposited in the checkrooms at those entrances. For the safety of visitors and the works of art, nothing may be carried into the Gallery on a visitor's back. Any bag or other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in some other manner must be left in the checkrooms. Items larger than 17 by 26 inches cannot be accepted by the Gallery or its checkrooms.

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