

American POP! Opens This Saturday

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Davenport, Iowa (May 2, 2013)— Andy Warhol. James Rosenquist. Roy Lichtenstein. These are the names of American Pop Art. Beginning Saturday, May 4 the Figge Art Museum welcomes *American POP!* Featuring selections from the CU Art Museum at the University of Colorado Boulder, this exhibit presents key works from the bold and outrageous Pop Art movement.

In the 1960s, artists embraced the vibrant urban landscape and economic boom following World War II. Pop Art glorified and parodied the “things” of everyday life, adopting images from mass media, cartoons and advertisements. An extroverted and energetic movement, Pop Art depicted everything previously considered unworthy of notice in the art world. Artist and critic Max Kozloff noted that in Pop Art, “Anything goes, just as anything goes on the street.”

While critics prophesied Pop Art would die a quick death, these familiar, often amusing images were an instant hit with the public and paved the way for artists to explore our relationship with the media and our everyday landscape. Today, Pop Art stands as a cultural critique of materialism in America.

This exhibition will run until September 8, 2013 and is sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council and Butler Insurance Services, Inc.

Companion Events (sponsored by Scott County Regional Authority)

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Art Talk

Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Explore the newly installed exhibition *American POP!* and stick around for a free gallery talk by Figge curator Rima Girnius, PhD. that focuses on the artwork and artists involved.

Artists Talk about *American POP!*

Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Experience *American POP!* through the eyes of four local artists as they discuss the artworks from their point of view.

Pushing the Envelope: Family Gallery Through August 11, 2013

In conjunction with the *American POP!* exhibition, bring your family to explore the phenomenon of Pop Art through this hands-on exhibition.

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Studio 1: Pop Art Soup

July 6-October 20

Based on the special exhibition, *American Pop*, this Studio 1 installation will feature an entertaining video about artist Andy Warhol, a look at some of the iconic images that transformed the art of a generation and lots of fun art projects that use color and imagination in the Pop Art tradition. Families will enjoy the enriching activities and information in this Pop Art Studio 1 experience.

Docent-led Exhibition Tours

Saturdays and Sundays in May, 1:30pm

Free with membership or paid admission.

About the Figge Art Museum

The Figge Art Museum is located on the riverfront in downtown Davenport at 225 West Second Street. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and Sundays 12-5 p.m. Thursdays the museum is open until 9 p.m. Admission to the museum and tour is \$7. Admission is free to Figge members and institutional members. To contact the museum, please call [563.326.7804](tel:563.326.7804), or visit

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Free on Thursdays; Free with membership or paid admission all other days

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