The Ringling Celebrates the Holidays Nov. 13-Dec. 20

Tour the decorated Ca’d’Zan during Art after Five

The Ringling will celebrate the holiday season in style with events for art lovers, families and for party goers.

From 5-8 p.m. on Thursdays, Nov. 13-Dec. 18, a decorated for the holidays Ca’d’Zan will be open during Art After Five. Admission to Art After Five costs $10 for adults, $5 for ages 6-17 and is free for Museum members.

“Our holiday season offerings are a great entry point for anyone who has yet to visit The Ringling,” Steven High, executive director of The Ringling said. “We really do offer something for everyone.”

Admission to Art After Five includes the following Thursday programs:

Hermitage Artists Ann Hirsch and Pablo Eduardo will lead the Gallery Walk and Talk “Always Animals” at 5 p.m. on Nov. 13 during the first Holiday Nights of the season. Animals have been the subject of art since early cave drawings. Take a tour through The Ringling’s collection of animal art with Hirsch and Eduardo before joining them for a conversation at 7 p.m. in the Historic Asolo Theater. Ann Wykell will moderate the conversation “Artists of the Hermitage,” which will discuss Hirsch and Eduardo’s work on the bald eagle inspired sculptures on the east and west entrances to Patriot Plaza at the National Memorial Cemetery in Sarasota.

From 5-9 p.m. on Nov. 20 Ringling by the Bay will present The Koko Ray and the Keepers. Dance and listen to live music on the Bolger Campiello. There will be a cash bar and food available for purchase.

From 5-9 p.m. on Dec. 4 get into the holiday spirit by donating to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots of Sarasota and Manatee counties during Holiday Splendor. There will be holiday music performances by local elementary, middle and high school students in the courtyard of The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art. Admission to Holiday Splendor costs one unwrapped toy per guest or $10 for adults and $5 for ages 6-17 without the donation of a toy. No advanced tickets to this event.

The Gallery Walk and Talk for “Behind Closed Doors: Art in the Spanish American Home 1492-1898” will take place at 6 p.m. on Dec. 11. Ringling staff will provide an overview of the exhibition, which features luxury items on display of the homes of the Spanish Empire’s elite in the New World.
From 5-9 p.m. on Dec. 18, **Ringling by the Bay** will present *Yeserdayze*. Dance and listen to live music on the Bolger Campiello. There will be a cash bar and food available for purchase.

After the Thursday night Holiday Nights wrap-up, The Ringling will throw the best party of the season during **“Greet the Light”** from 7-11 p.m. on Dec. 20 in the courtyard of The Museum of Art. Escape the pressures of the holiday season and enjoy live music and entertainment. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. The celebration marks the third anniversary of the James Turrell Skyspace “Joseph’s Coat.” Tickets cost $15 with a discounted price of $10 for Museum Members.

For more information on any of these events visit Ringling.org. The Ringling will be closed on Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving and on Dec. 25 for Christmas.