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PRESS RELEASE

WHITNEY MUSEUM CELEBRATES PRIDE DURING FREE SECOND SUNDAYS ON JUNE 9



Whitney Pride festivities continue on Sunday, June 9, with free admission, artmaking activities, storytimes with NYPL, and more at the Museum and in the neighborhood.

New York, NY, June 3, 2024 — The Whitney Museum of American Art will offer **free admission all day long** on Sunday, June 9, during this special Pride edition of [Free Second Sundays](#) featuring tours and other special activities that celebrate Whitney exhibitions and community events. The day includes **free storytimes** for families and visitors of all ages with **The New York Public Library**. Additional family-friendly activities, including hands-on artmaking and collaborative coloring projects, will occur throughout the day. Pride at the Whitney is part of the Museum's ongoing commitment to support LGBTQ+ artists and communities and offer an inclusive space for all to gather and enjoy American art.

On **Sunday, June 9**, Free Second Sundays continue with **free admission** for all visitors from 10:30 am–6 pm. **From 11 am–3 pm**, visitors of all ages are welcome to participate in helping to create the [Whitney Community Pride Mural](#) by reflecting on their personal meanings of Pride and creating a work of art to add to the mural. **From 11 am–4 pm**, get creative and enjoy [Imaginary Inventions Inspired By Pippa Garner](#) in the Museum's Hess Family Theater on the 3rd floor. 2024 Whitney Biennial artist Pippa Garner's *Inventor's Office* is filled with what she describes as "impossible inventions." Visitors are invited to explore the installation and discover

the lives and stories of these playful, imaginative objects and then come up with impossible inventions inspired by the artwork. Free [storytimes with NYPL](#) librarians will take place in the Museum's lobby at **11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm**. Visitors to the Museum will also have the opportunity to sign up for NYPL library cards in the lobby. At **4 pm**, join Whitney education staff on [Queer History Walks](#) in the Meatpacking District to learn more about the impact and history of LGBTQ+ communities in the neighborhood around the Whitney. Tours will meet outside the entrance of the Museum and the meeting place will be marked with a sign. For more details about the June 9 schedule of activities, please visit [whitney.org/visit/second-sundays](#).

While general admission to the Museum is free on Sunday, June 9, **tickets are still required and capacity is limited. Advance booking is strongly recommended** and tickets can be reserved at [whitney.org/tickets](#).

Additional information about Pride at the Whitney, digital offerings, and visitor information, including accessibility services, is available on the Museum's website at [whitney.org/pride-2024](#).



Free Second Sundays at the Whitney help connect more people to the Museum and its mission of celebrating contemporary American art and artists.

Special events, programs, performances, and screenings may require additional tickets. For more information on these offerings, please visit [whitney.org/events](#).

Second Sundays is made possible by a generous three-year grant from the [Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All Program](#), which supports increased access to museums across the country and fosters engagement with local communities by focusing on common barriers to access. The program and another Whitney initiative, Free Friday Nights, both aim to reduce barriers to access, removing admission fees and offering programs that are entry points for anyone interested in visiting.

Photo and video assets from previous Free Friday Nights and Second Sundays at the Whitney can be found at [whitney.org/press/free-days-and-nights](#).

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ABOUT THE WHITNEY

The Whitney Museum of American Art, founded in 1930 by the artist and philanthropist Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney (1875–1942), houses the foremost collection of American art from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Mrs. Whitney, an early and ardent supporter of modern American art, nurtured groundbreaking artists when audiences were still largely preoccupied with the Old Masters. From her vision arose the Whitney Museum of American Art, which has been championing the most innovative art of the United States for ninety years. The core of the Whitney's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit American art of our time and serve a wide variety of audiences in celebration of the complexity and diversity of art and culture in the United States. Through this mission and a steadfast commitment to artists, the Whitney has long been a powerful force in support of modern and contemporary art and continues to help define what is innovative and influential in American art today.

Whitney Museum Land Acknowledgment

The Whitney is located in Lenapehoking, the ancestral homeland of the Lenape. The name Manhattan comes from their word Mannahatta, meaning “island of many hills.” The Museum’s current site is close to land that was a Lenape fishing and planting site called Saponnkanikan (“tobacco field”). The Whitney acknowledges the displacement of this region’s original inhabitants and the Lenape diaspora that exists today.

As a museum of American art in a city with vital and diverse communities of Indigenous people, the Whitney recognizes the historical exclusion of Indigenous artists from its collection and program. The Museum is committed to addressing these erasures and honoring the perspectives of Indigenous artists and communities as we work for a more equitable future. To read more about the Museum’s Land Acknowledgement, [visit the Museum’s website](#).

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Whitney Museum of American Art is located at 99 Gansevoort Street between Washington and West Streets, New York City. Public hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10:30 am–6 pm; Friday, 10:30 am–10 pm; and Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 am–6 pm. Closed Tuesday. Visitors eighteen years and under and Whitney members: FREE. The Museum offers FREE admission and special programming for visitors of all ages every Friday evening from 5–10 pm and on the second Sunday of every month.

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