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Premiere of National Gallery of Art's After-hours Program "Evenings at the Edge" Celebrates Reopening of the East Building Galleries; East Building Open from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Second Thursdays, October 2016 through April 2017



Evenings at the Edge: After hours at the National Gallery of Art

Washington, DC (Updated December 30, 2016)—This fall the National Gallery of Art will premiere "Evenings at the Edge: After hours at the National Gallery of Art" to celebrate the reopening of the East Building galleries. Beginning October 13, 2016, after-hours events will take place in the East Building from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month through April 13, 2017. The East Building is located at Fourth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. The event is free; however, tickets are required.

The 19 knife-edge angle on the East Building was the inspiration for the title of the new program. The fun-filled evenings will offer visitors a vibrant mix of art and entertainment, including tours of the newly renovated and expanded galleries and the outdoor Roof Terrace overlooking Pennsylvania Avenue, special exhibitions, live music and performances, gallery talks, films, and more. Light fare and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase at various locations throughout the East Building.

Dates and entertainment:

October 13:

Christylez Bacon, Washington's own Grammy®-nominated Progressive D.C. Hip-Hop artist and multi-instrumentalist

November 10:

Davina and the Vagabonds, a blues, jazz, R&B, soul, and gospel band

Joseph Webb, international award-winning percussive dancer, choreographer, poet, actor, educator, and founder of DC's American Embassy of Dance

December 8:

Deviated Theatre, the modern dance company that uses dance, acting, and aerials to tell fantastical stories

January 12:

Story District presents *The Living Canvas: True stories where life imitates art*

February 9:

A cinematic salute to the color red

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March 9:

Performances to be announced

April 13:

Performances to be announced

The new evening openings will give visitors an additional three hours to explore and enjoy with friends—old and new— the Gallery's collections and changing exhibitions. Event details for additional "Evenings at the Edge" will be announced at a later date.

Admission and activities are free and open to the public; however, tickets are required. Tickets for the October 13 event will be available online at noon on September 26 at [www.nga.gov/evenings](http://www.nga.gov/evenings). Tickets for subsequent events become available on the Friday following each Thursday event (e.g., on January 13 for the February 9 event). Information about subsequent "Evenings at the Edge" events is available at [evenings@nga.gov](mailto:evenings@nga.gov) or #NGANights.

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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](http://www.nga.gov). Follow the Gallery on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt](http://www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt), Twitter at [www.twitter.com/ngadc](http://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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