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Dynamic Season of Programming for *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love*Will Center Empowerment, Joy, and Black Creative Voices Featuring Outdoor Concert from Flo Milli, Stand-up Comedy, Wellness Workshops, and More

Free Admission on Thursday Evenings Begins on May 30, Events Kick off on June 16 with a Participatory Healing Experience Lead by Tai Beauchamp



Image credit: Flo Milli. Courtesy of RCA Records

LOS ANGELES, CA – The Broad is pleased to announce a new season of programs for the upcoming special exhibition <u>Mickalene Thomas: All About Love</u>, which debuts on May 25, 2024 before the show travels to the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia and the Hayward Gallery, London. Sharing its title with the landmark text by theorist and author bell hooks, both the exhibition and related programs will celebrate Black feminist creative practices and critical perspectives, offering up frameworks for communal care and thinking about love in new and profound ways. Tickets to the exhibition and select programs are available now at <u>thebroad.org</u>.

Featuring live music, therapeutic workshops, comedy, and a night of films by LGBTQIA+ directors, The Broad will center women and Black and queer creative voices within the context of Thomas's international exhibition comprising over 20 years of her work. The Broad will bring back its summer concert series, featuring performances from rap sensation **Flo Milli** with **Fousheé** and **METTE** on July 20. A rising star and force in modern rap music, Flo Milli was named BET's Best New Artist in 2020 and released her second studio album on March 15 to widespread acclaim.

Further programs will include The Broad's first-ever night of comedy on June 30 titled *All About Laughs* and co-curated by comedian and actress **Chaunté Wayans**, a member of the legendary Wayans family. Stand-up sets by Los Angeles comedians **LouLou Gonzales**, **Zainab Johnson**, **Nicky Paris**, **Irene Tu**, and **Tarek Ziad** will embrace laughter, joy and togetherness as liberatory tools. Another first for the museum's innovative audience engagement will include scent-making workshops hosted by **The Institute for Art and Olfaction** on September 7 and 8. Harnessing fragrance's power to uplift and engage memories, guests will learn about the practice of perfumery and create their very own scents.

In addition to this slate of newly announced programming, free tickets to see the exhibition on Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 pm will be made available starting on Wednesday, May 22 and be available throughout the run of the show.

Programming Details

Morning Mindset with Tai Sunday, June 16, 2024 | 10 am-1 pm Tickets: Availability to be announced soon

Event Location: East West Bank Plaza at The Broad, First and Third Floor Galleries

Join renowned speaker and thought leader **Tai Beauchamp** and guests for a museum experience specifically designed to heal, soothe, and nourish. Guided by Beauchamp's foundational healing tenets, workshop attendees will move through four distinct phases to Affirm, Move, Connect, and Reset. The Move phase includes experiencing *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love*, which shares its title and several of its themes with the foundational book by late feminist theorist bell hooks, in which love is an active process rooted in healing, carving a path away from domination and towards collective liberation.

All About Laughs: Comedy Night at The Broad

Sunday, June 30, 2024 | 7:30-10 pm

Tickets: \$35 for general admission, \$50 for table seating

Event Location: East West Bank Plaza at The Broad, 221 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012



The Broad's first-ever evening of comedy is co-curated and hosted by **Chaunté Wayans**, a member of the legendary Wayans family making a pitstop in Los Angeles in the middle of her "But, What Is Normal?" tour. The evening also features a stellar line-up of Los Angeles comedians **LouLou Gonzales**, **Zainab Johnson**, **Nicky Paris**, **Irene Tu**, and **Tarek Ziad** who will keep guests in stitches and feeling uplifted with specialty cocktails and mocktails on the museum's outdoor plaza.

Special seated tickets include one complimentary beverage and seating at a candle-lit four-top table in the orchestra section, providing an up-close comedy club experience. General admission seating will also be available.

Summer Concerts at The Broad: Dilla's House

Friday, July 19, 2024 | 8-11 pm

Tickets: \$65

Event Location: East West Bank Plaza at The Broad, First Floor Galleries

It's the summer of J Dilla in Los Angeles, and The Broad joins the festivities by honoring the revered artist who would have been 50 this year. On the heels of Dilla Jazz at The Ford, **Dilla's House** at The Broad features artists who knew and worked with Dilla, who have been inspired by his pioneering methods, and who exemplify a spirit of cross-pollination that Dilla and other artists cultivated, including the dearly loved and recently departed Amp Fiddler. With a special focus on the uplifting and soulful side of house and dance music through the lens of Dilla's legacy, the event will have guests dancing under the stars on the museum's outdoor plaza.

An ensemble performance helmed by Detroit's **Moodymann** will feature fellow Motor City icons **Dames Brown** on vocals, **Dez Andrés** on the ones and twos and percussion, and **Mark de Clive-Lowe** on keys and beat machines. The evening will warm up fast with LA's own **DJ Ashley Younniä**; local music maven **DJ Rashida** will keep the energy levels up to close out the night. The evening will be hosted by **The Yancey Boys AKA Illa J + Frank Nitt** and is co-curated by **Mahogani Music** and **Fusicology**.







Left to right: The Institute for Art and Olfaction, courtesy of Saskia Wilson-Brown, Family Weekend Workshops, photo by Salvador Ceja Garcia; Chaunté Wayans, courtesy of the artist

Summer Concerts at The Broad: Flo Milli + Fousheé + METTE

Saturday, July 20, 2024 | 8-11 pm

Tickets: \$75

Event Location: East West Bank Plaza at The Broad

Continuing the celebration of Black creativity in music and art, The Broad and RCA Records partner on a special night featuring **Flo Milli**, **Fousheé**, and **METTE**. Enjoy intimate yet electrifying live sets by these talented Black artists on the East West Bank Plaza, headlined by multi-platinum rapper **Flo Milli**. Hailing from Alabama, Flo rose from viral TikTok sensation in 2018 to garnering a #1 at Urban Radio and making Billboard's Hot 100 chart for her hit "Never Lose Me," which is a testimony to both her talent and tenacity. Flo dropped her latest album *Fine Ho, Stay* in March of this year and she's currently a special guest on Gunna's *The Bittersweet Tour*. Also on the bill for this special evening under the stars is Grammy-nominated songwriter **Fousheé**, whose genre-bending repertoire melds alt-rock and soul, and **METTE**, a boundless artist unrestricted by the need to align with one genre, whose creativity has already earned her an Ivor-Novello nomination for her song, "Mama's Eyes." These artists embody powerful, positive depictions of Black women that can also be found in The Broad's special exhibition, *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love*.

Queer Rhapsody: LGBTQIA+ Summer Film Series

Thursday, July 25, 2024 | 7:30-9 pm

Tickets: \$15

Event Location: Oculus Hall at The Broad

Exploring themes found in *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love*, The Broad is proud to present a program of short films as the grand finale of **Queer Rhapsody: LGBTQIA+ Summer Film Series**. Centered on the joy, transformational power, and energy of modern LGBTQIA+ cinema, this community-led film series exists to shine a beam of light on the vibrant landscape of the queer film community in Los Angeles. With a focus on liberatory narratives, the overall series will showcase a kaleidoscope of offerings: from features poised to achieve cult status, short form music and experimental storytelling as alchemical guide, vanguard documentaries blazing a path for narrative change, and international films primed to accompany you on your next journey of self-discovery.

This event is organized by the UCLA Film & Television Archive, with support from the Andrew J. Kuehn, Jr. Foundation. Curated by an independent programming team and presented in collaboration with community venues The American Cinematheque, Egyptian and Los Feliz 3; The Broad; UCLA Film & Television Archive, Billy Wilder Theater at the Hammer; and Vidiots Foundation.

Powerful Perfumes: Scent-Making Workshops

Saturday, September 7, 2024 | 10:30 am-12:30 pm; 1:15-3:15 pm; 4-6 pm Sunday, September 8, 2024 | 10:30 am-12:30 pm; 1:15-3:15 pm; 4-6 pm

Tickets: \$75

Event Location: Oculus Hall at The Broad

Fragrance has the power to uplift, inspire, unlock memories, and much more. Whether through self-care and beauty regimens, spiritual and ceremonial use, or conveyance of personal style with a signature scent, perfume throughout history has rightly established itself as an art form that is linked to—and yet transcends—luxury. In the spirit of The Broad's special exhibition, *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love*, guests will learn about the practice of perfumery and create their very own 4-milliliter spray vial scent sample. Organized and hosted by **The Institute for Art and Olfaction** and led by a diverse team of educators **Julianne Lee, Minetta Rogers** and **Saskia Wilson-Brown**, workshop participants will experience and smell a variety of perfume materials and mix their own unique formulas.



Ticket price includes materials and is nonrefundable. Please note that workshops are intended for adults age 18+. Tickets include same-day access to The Broad, including *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love* and the third-floor collection galleries from 10 am to 6 pm. Please time your visit according to your workshop start and end times.

Music, Movement, and Motivation with Angela Davis

Sunday, September 22, 2024 | 2-4 pm Tickets: Availability to be announced soon Event Location: Oculus Hall at The Broad

Nike athlete and motivational speaker **Angela Manuel Davis** has custom designed a workshop that will guide attendees to experience Mickalene Thomas's exhibition more fully and openly. Built on Davis's pillars of Motivation, Movement, Mindfulness, and Music, the workshop will prepare you to receive with intentionality the themes of the exhibition which itself highlights how Thomas has mastered and innovated within several disciplines, from mixed-media painting and collage to installation and photography.

Family Weekend Workshops: Mickalene Thomas

Sunday, September 29, 2024 | 11-5 pm

Tickets: Free; Availability to be announced soon **Event Location:** East West Bank Plaza at The Broad

Join us for the final day of The Broad's special exhibition, *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love*, where kids and their families can design a portrait of themselves or their loved one inspired by Mickalene Thomas. Snap a picture striking your most powerful pose, then use it as the start of your portrait. Take it a step further and swap photos with a friend or family member to create works of art (and love) inspired by your favorite things about them. The Broad will supply a mix of magazines, patterned paper, fabric, rhinestones, and paint markers to make a portrait that empowers. Design, build, and create a background that symbolizes the qualities of the person at the center of your artwork. This program is intended for children aged 3+ and their families.

Free Thursday Evenings for *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love*

Every Thursday beginning May 30 | 5-8 pm Tickets: Available beginning May 22; thebroad.org

The Broad is delighted to offer free access for *Mickalene Thomas: All About Love* from 5 to 8 pm on every Thursday of the exhibition's run. Tickets for free reservations will be available on The Broad's website beginning May 22 at thebroad.org.

About The Broad

The Broad's mission is to make contemporary art accessible to the widest possible audience. Founded in 2015 on Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles by philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad, the museum offers free general admission and presents an active program of special exhibitions and innovative live events, all within a landmark building designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro. The Broad is home to the Broad collection, one of the world's leading collections of postwar and contemporary art, which continues to grow as new artists and artworks are added. The museum is the headquarters of The Broad Art Foundation's worldwide lending library, which has been loaning collection works to museums around the world since 1984. To create greater public access, The Broad will break ground on a 55,000 square-foot expansion in early 2025.

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