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UNC-Chapel Hill's Ackland Art Museum launches 60th anniversary celebration with new gifts, dedicated creative space and public art

(Chapel Hill, N.C. — Sept. 12, 2018) – On Sept. 20, the Ackland Art Museum will launch a yearlong celebration of its 60th anniversary with the opening of a new exhibition, a weeklong public art installation, and the return of the vibrant community and program space ART&.

With so much planned for the coming months, Director Katie Ziglar said, "The Ackland Art Museum's yearlong celebration will be filled with extraordinary exhibitions from our permanent collection and across the country, re-imaginings of our gallery space, and many more surprises! We really cannot wait to start celebrating!"

Birthday Presents

Birthday Presents will display an extraordinary range of works of art given to the Ackland by generous donors explicitly in honor of the Museum's 60th anniversary. Running from Sept. 21 through Jan. 6, 2019, it features 60 works of art from 30 different donors, including 13 UNC-Chapel Hill alums. With selections of African and Asian art; European and American prints, drawings, and photographs; and modern and contemporary art, the exhibition will showcase the central role the Ackland's permanent holdings play in its service to the public. Among the highlights of *Birthday Presents* will be European and American art since 1950, including prints by Jasper Johns and Sister Corita, drawings by Inuit artists, and two video installations. Enriched by these wonderful additions, the permanent collection is the Museum's touchstone, an ever-growing storehouse of aesthetic energy and historical resonance.

ART&

Back by popular demand, the Ackland Art Museum will reopen a dedicated museum space for students and the Chapel Hill community to connect with each other while creating and experiencing art. The space will host artist talks, performances, art-making classes, and an ongoing series of commissions by contemporary artists. The first ART& artist is Lauren Frances Adams, a nationally lauded artist and a UNC-Chapel Hill alumna. ART& will open to the public on Friday, Sept. 21.

FOR MEDIA:

Ackland Art Museum will host a media-only preview of “Birthday Presents” and ART&.
Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 2 p.m.

Ackland Art Museum
101 S. Columbia St.
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Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 ART& artist installations have been made possible by the generous support of the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust. ART& 2018-2019 is sponsored by the Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau.

RedBall Chapel Hill

As its gift to town and campus in celebration of its 60th anniversary, the Ackland Art Museum is bringing the RedBall Project to Chapel Hill. A traveling public art work by Asheville-based artist Kurt Perschke, considered “the world’s longest-running street art work,” the piece features a 250-pound, 15-foot-diameter inflatable red ball that is installed in both unlikely and familiar sites within a city. A blend of architectural intervention and community engagement, RedBall has been to over 25 cities around the world. Over seven consecutive days, the giant ball will move through Chapel Hill, changing its location daily.

- Thursday, 9/20: South Building, UNC Campus
- Friday, 9/21: R.B. House Undergraduate Library, UNC Campus
- Saturday, 9/22: Hanes Arch next to Ackland Art Museum, UNC Campus
- Sunday, 9/23: Varsity Alley, alongside 121 East Franklin Street
- Monday, 9/24: Trellis along Manning Drive at Koury Residence Hall, UNC Campus
- Tuesday, 9/25: Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive
- Wednesday, 9/26: Forest Theatre, UNC Campus and 123 South Boundary Street

The Ackland Art Museum’s presentation of RedBall Chapel Hill has been made possible by generous support from the Hyde Family Foundation and Arts Everywhere.

The Ackland Art Museum also thanks UNC-Chapel Hill’s Facilities Services, the Department of Housing & Residential Education, the R.B. House Undergraduate Library, the North Carolina

Botanical Garden's Forest Theatre, the Chapel Hill Public Library, and especially the Town of Chapel Hill and its partners for their enthusiastic support of RedBall Chapel Hill.

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About the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the nation's first public university, is a global higher education leader known for innovative teaching, research and public service. A member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, Carolina regularly ranks as the best value for academic quality in U.S. public higher education. Now in its third century, the University offers 77 bachelor's, 111 master's, 65 doctorate and seven professional degree programs through 14 schools and the College of Arts and Sciences. Every day, faculty, staff and students shape their teaching, research and public service to meet North Carolina's most pressing needs in every region and all 100 counties. Carolina's nearly 330,000 alumni live in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 149 countries. More than 169,000 live in North Carolina.

About the Ackland Art Museum

Since 1958, the Ackland Art Museum at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been one of North Carolina's most important cultural resources. Located at the intersection of campus and community, the Ackland provides experiences that spark insight into ourselves, each other, and the world. Featuring a year-round calendar of special exhibitions and dynamic public programs, the Ackland is a local museum with a global outlook that bridges campus and community. Admission to the Ackland is free and accessible to all. The Ackland's holdings include more than 18,000 works of art. The collection spans all cultures and time periods, showcasing the breadth of human creativity. A vital teaching resource, the museum's mission is the art of understanding. Visitors can connect with the complexity and beauty of the wider world by getting close to art – the familiar, the unexpected, the challenging. The Ackland Art Museum is located at 101 South Columbia St. on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sundays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. The museum is open until 9 p.m. for Chapel Hill-Carrboro's 2nd Friday ArtWalk. More information is available at ackland.org.

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