



FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

2011 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE



Jim Dine: Sculpture

January 28—May 8, 2011

American master Jim Dine has been a major force across the contemporary scene from the origins of the Pop Art movement to the present. Although revered for his paintings and graphic work, his prolific and equally profound endeavors as a sculptor are less well known. This retrospective exhibition is the first of its kind and traces the origins of Dine's sculpture from rarely seen early work of the late 1950s and early 1960s through to his most current efforts. Iconic themes that have occupied his attention, ranging from tools to the Venus, to the heart and, most recently, Pinocchio, as well as lesser known, but equally reflective subjects will be examined in detail. This comprehensive exhibition will feature works in the sculpture galleries and neighboring terrace as well in interior garden conservatories. This exhibition has been organized by Meijer Gardens.



Butterflies Are Blooming

March 1 – April 30, 2011

A visitor favorite in its sixteenth year, Butterflies Are Blooming features butterflies from tropical regions around the world flying freely in the 5-story Tropical Conservatory. The 80-degree conservatory is filled with thousands of exotic butterflies from tropical regions around the world. More than 40 different species of butterflies and moth make this a warm and colorful exhibition. Throughout the exhibition, butterflies can be viewed drinking nectar from the flowering plants and feeding stations, congregating among stream beds and flying freely within the five-story tropical conservatory. Approximately 800 chrysalides are delivered to Meijer Gardens weekly. Visitors may watch delicate chrysalides and cocoons being placed in the Butterfly Bungalow, where the unique creatures transform and take their first flight. **New in 2011:** other indoor gardens will feature butterflies in the different stages of metamorphosis including caterpillars and cocoons.



Laura Ford: Actual, Factual Fables

June 3— August 23, 2011

The highly inventive figures and animal forms of Welsh born sculptor Laura Ford have been the focus of widespread critical acclaim across the United Kingdom, and increasingly, throughout Europe. Utilizing a wide variety of materials and found objects, Ford provides creatures which initially disarm or charm the viewer with humor and warmth, but are ultimately poignant reminders of the frailties of human condition or the inequities of social order. The use of animal imagery to illustrate human circumstances calls to mind traditions ranging from Aesop to Beatrix Potter, yet the realization of form and the power of message conveys is decidedly contemporary. This is the sculptor's first solo exhibition in the United States. This exhibition is organized by Galerie Scheffel, Bad Homburg, Germany in cooperation with the artist and Meijer Gardens.



Chrysanthemums and More!

September 16 – October 31, 2011

This annual celebration of the autumn season features an extensive chrysanthemum display with hundreds of flowering plants in both interior and exterior areas. Indoor highlights include varieties on display along the winding Scenic Corridor and the Seasonal Display Greenhouse, while outdoor plantings are featured in the English Perennial Garden, Michigan's Farm Garden and Volunteer Tribute Garden. Color tours, tram rides and seasonal children's activities are available.



Sculpture Today: New Forces, New Forms

September 21, 2011—December 31, 2011

World renowned for its collections and exhibition program of Modern and Contemporary sculpture, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park will be hosting its premier invitational exhibition of work by emerging sculptors. Selected from across the United States and around the world, artists working three-dimensionally and through installations, will be included in this first annual event. Artists will be chosen from across the contemporary scene anticipating a wide array of conceptual and formal approaches in the ever-evolving definition of sculpture today.



Christmas and Holiday Traditions Around the World

November 22, 2011 – January 8, 2012

Experience the most magical time of year as Meijer Gardens transforms into a world of winter magic with the glow of 300,000 lights, more than 40 captivating international trees and displays, strolling carolers, horse-drawn carriage rides and more surprises than can fit under the tree. The *Gardens Holiday Express* train exhibit, a holiday favorite designed by railway garden designer Paul Busse, winds its way through three separate indoor gardens.

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