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'The Triumph of Nature' opens at the Long Island Museum

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Tiffany Studios, Eighteen-Light Pond Lily Lamp, ca.1900, Blown glass and bronze. Gift of Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., Image courtesy of the Chrysler Museum of Art, Photograph by Edward Pollard, © Tiffany Studios.

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Long Island Museum celebrates Art Nouveau with The Triumph of Nature

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n view from June 12 to September 21 at the Long Island Museum (LIM) in Stony Brook, *The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art* explores the sense and sensation of an art form that lauds the intricate vibrancy and nuances of nature.

"The Triumph of Nature celebrates the florid, languorous curves, natural motifs, and refined elegance of Art Nouveau furniture, glass, and other works that have entranced generations of collectors

and museum-goers since the apex of this brief but intense story movement around the turn of the twentieth century," said LIM Co-Executive Director Joshua Ruff.

Large enough to span two of LIM's galleries, this 120 piece exhibit is visiting from the Art Nouveau collection of the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, Virginia.

It includes glassworks, furniture, paintings, and sculptures from artisans and artists of the late 1800s and early 1900s, including Louis Comfort Tiffany, Tiffany & Co., Gustav Klimt, Louis Majorelle, Alphonse Mucha, Emmanuel Lansyer, and Émile Gallé.

LIM's showcase is just one stop on a 13 museum national tour.

"We heard about this traveling exhibition in 2022 and signed on as soon as we could, excited to share this incredible collection of objects with our audience. We are glad that we booked it when we did, it was fully scheduled almost immediately," Ruff said. "It is traveling to art museums all around the country, including California, Texas, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, so we are pleased to be the only museum hosting it in New York."

Both *The Triumph of Nature* and the Chrysler Museum have ties to Long Island. Tiffany lived on a 600-acre estate in Laurel Hollow, Laurelton Hall, an 84-room mansion of Art Nouveau design that blended Islamic and nature motifs. Walter P. Chrysler and his family, for whom the Chrysler Museum is named, had a summer home in Kings Point; it is now Wiley Hall at the US Merchant Marine Academy.

Walter P. Chrysler Junior grew up visiting the house and with his wife, Jean, established the Chrysler Museum's extensive Art Nouveau holdings.

This is LIM's first exhibit solely dedicated to the genre. A style generally inspired by natural imagery, defined by foliate forms and sinuous lines, its influence is found





in many mediums. Popularized during the Belle Époque period, which started in France and swept Europe, Art Nouveau

"I think people are much more familiar with Art Deco, and this exhibition indicates the inheritance that Art Deco had from Art Nouveau. But I think that the curves and beautiful forms influenced much modern design, and you can see the continuing influence of Nouveau in contemporary graphic design, textile design, furniture, and fashion," Ruff said.

celebrates the whimsy, wit, and wonder of

the movement, as well its ongoing impact

Its narrative thread also weaves through two exhibits LIM will be installing later this season: *Gatsby at 100*, which looks at Above, buffet by Louis Majorelle, ca. 1900, Fruitwood and marble, Gift of Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., Image courtesy of the Chrysler Museum of Art, Photograph by Edward Pollard, © Louis Majorelle Buffet.

On left, Waterlily Vase, Sèvres Porcelain Manufactory, Waterlily Vase, 1900, Blown and cameo glass. Gift of Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., Image courtesy of the Chrysler Museum of Art, Photograph by Edward Pollard, © Sèvres Porcelain Manufactory.

the centennial of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, and *Giants and Gems*, which examines scale in art and design.

"I think that there is a lot of synergy between these three exhibitions, and I'm looking forward to seeing it all through our visitors eyes and see what they take away and enjoy and learn from," Ruff said.

Located at 1200 Route 25A in Stony Brook, the Long Island Museum is open Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Fridays and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors, age 62 and older; \$10 for students, ages 6-17 and college students with ID; \$5 for persons with disabilities, personal care assistants are free. Admission for children under age six, active and retired military, and LIM members are also free. For more information about *The Triumph of Nature* and other upcoming shows and events, visit www.longislandmuseum.org.

Vendors Wanted

- Three Village Historical Society, 93 North Country Road, Setauket seeks vendors for its Community Wide Yard Sale on June 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an application and more information, visit www.tvhs.org or call 631-751-3730.
- Police Surgeons Benevolent Association and Centurion Cruisers Car Club seeks vendors its benefit car show at St. Anthony's High School, 275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington on June 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$40 for 10 foot spot, \$60 for 20 foot spot. For more information, call 631-901-3608
- Stepping Stone Support is accepting vendors for its Craft Fair Fundraiser at A1 Roofing, 16 Platinum Ct., Medford on June 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is June 29. \$50 donation for a 10' by 10' spot. Deadline is June 5. Email info@steppingstonesupport. org or call 631-965-2074.
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 270 Main Street, Northport seeks vendors for its Summer Craft Fair on July 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 631-261-0804 to obtain a registration form.
- The Shoppes at East Wind, 5768 Route 25A, Wading River is acceptiong local hand crafted vendors for its Craft Fair Weekends on July 12 & 13, August 2 & 3, September 6 & 7, October 4 & 5 and November 1 & 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 10' by 10' spaces for one day is \$75 and \$100 for both days. Call 631-846-2372 or visit eastwindlongisland.com.
- Sachem Public Library, 150 Holbrook Road, Holbrook is looking for vendors to participate in an outdoor Summer Craft Fair on July 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Online application can be found at www. sachemlibrary.org. 631-588-5024.
- The Spirit of Huntington, 2 Melville Road, Huntington Station seeks vendors for its annual Spirit of Summer Art Festival on July 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is July 27. Visit www.spiritofhuntington.com for an application or call 631-470-9620.
- Northport Arts Coalition is accepting applications for craft artists for its annual Art in the Park event at Northport Village Park on Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 10' by 10' space for \$100, \$80 NAC members. Rain date is Aug. 17. Deadline to apply is July 15. www.northportarts.org.
- Village of Lake Grove seeks arts & crafts, food and community vendors for its annual Summer Fest on Aug. 17 at the Gazebo and Memorial Park, 980 Hawkins Ave., Lake Grove from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For an application, visit www.lakegroveny.gov or call 631-585-2000.

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