BIG ARTS Cultural Bus Trip
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

BIG ARTS is hitting the road again down to Naples to explore some of their art institutions. Stops include the Naples Art Association and The Baker Museum at Artis-Naples with lunch at Brio Tuscan Grille. Each stop will include an exhibition tour and talk with some free time to explore.

The Baker Museum

The Baker Museum is one of the foremost fine-art museums in Southwest Florida. Emphasizing modern and contemporary art, the museum hosts several traveling exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collections. Dedicated to stewardship and scholarship, The Baker Museum provides world-class exhibitions and educational opportunities for Southwest Florida’s diverse community. Exhibits will include:

- **Iconic Works from the Permanent Collection** featuring 100 selections from The Baker Museum’s permanent collection chosen for their aesthetic and historical significance.

- **Monet to Matisse - French Masterworks from the Dixon Gallery and Gardens** is an exhibition comprised of stunning works by some of the world’s best-known artists, including Claude Monet, Edward Degas, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec and Camille Pissarro. As well as paintings by Post-Impressionist masters Henri Matisse, Paul Cézanne, Paul Gauguin, Marc Chagall and Georges Braque.

- **Expressions - Matisse and Modern Art from the Permanent Collection** explores the development of avant-garde art by artists such as Alexander Archipenko, Larry Rivers, Morgan Russell and Sonia Delauney.

- **Color Field** is a sculpture exhibition organized by the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, Arkansas for The Baker Museum. The exhibition features interactive sculptures by artists that employ lush colors and enlarged forms meant to engage all the senses.

- **Looking at Words: A Poetry of Shape exhibition**, which features an exciting look at the formal use of text within visual art (sometimes without any other pictorial element) by artists such as Ed Ruscha, John Baldessari, Louise Bourgeois and Barbara Kruger.

- **Magritte: Reflections of Another World**, comprises six paintings by Belgian artist René Magritte (1898-1967). Renowned for his witty Surrealist paintings of everyday objects in strange surroundings, Magritte preferred that his artworks remain mysterious and open to interpretation. These works are from the collection of Jean-Marie Van Parys, a collector of avant-garde art and a close friend of Magritte, and they are on a five-year loan to Artis—Naples, The Baker Museum from Van Parys’ daughter. The paintings have never previously been shown in North America, and none have exhibited publicly in over 48 years.

- **The Florida Contemporary** exhibition presents a select group of contemporary artists practicing in Florida whose work shows the diversity of approaches to personal, local and global themes.
Naples Art Association

Celebrating 65 years of inspiring creativity and providing opportunities to experience the visual arts, The Naples Art Association is the community art center for Collier County. Hosting a variety of exhibitions by established and emerging local artists, nationally-recognized outdoor shows, studio art classes, workshops and unique artistic events makes the NAA the leader in visual arts.

- **Dan Jensen: Realism in Action**, an accomplished painter and active participant in Naples Art’s education program. After nearly a lifetime of painting, he regularly takes classes. His work received acclaim in a number of nationally recognized furniture competitions. Jensen continued his art studies at the University of the Americas Mexico City and the Art Institute of Chicago. At Naples Art he has received numerous awards for his work. Most recently, he was awarded second place in the Telling a Story: Narrative Art exhibition for his painting Lone Ranger Crossing the Alps. Jensen is a member of the Art Club of Chicago where he participates in exhibitions each summer. His work has also been exhibited at the Salmagundi Club in New York.

- **Lifelong Learners: Art and Artists of Naples Art**, Group Exhibition featuring artists who are long-time participants in the NAA’s education program as well as other art study programs. Exhibition generously sponsored by Jean Devine.

**Itinerary**

Pick up location to be at Publix parking lot just off island; 20321 Summerlin Rd., Fort Myers, FL. 33908

8:30 am – 9 am
Meet at pick-up location at Publix just off island

9 am
Bus leaves Publix to Baker Museum

10 am
Arrive at Baker Museum. Tour at 10am

11:30/12 pm
Lunch a Brio Tuscan Grille

1:30/2 pm
Depart from Brio Tuscan Grille to Naples Art Association

3 pm
Depart from Naples Art Association back to drop-off at Publix

4:15/4:30 pm
Arrive at Publix drop-off point