Milwaukee and Wisconsin Arts
Get-On-the-Bus Overnigher
May 31 – June 4, 2017

Join the Northern Illinois University Art Museum on a small group trip to one of our staff’s favorite Midwestern cities with a rich array of interesting museums, historic ethnic neighborhoods and exquisite art and architectural gems. While in Milwaukee we will take several private walking tours led by the preservation group Historic Milwaukee, Inc., an affiliate of the Wisconsin Historical Society. These will help give us an insider’s view of this historic city as we explore its neighborhoods and standout buildings. We will balance structured time with the group as well as give you free time to explore on your own and can provide suggestions for your evenings or free mornings.

We will start our journey on Wednesday, heading up to West Bend, Wisconsin to visit the Museum of Wisconsin Art in a building constructed in 2013 and featuring eight galleries of the best of Wisconsin art from First Nations to current day. From there, we will travel to Sheboygan, and after a delicious lunch at the Field to Fork Café view a series of intriguing artist installations created especially for the John Michael Kohler Art Center’s Fiftieth Anniversary.

We will then venture to Milwaukee and settle in at the meticulously restored 1928 boutique Art Deco jewel, The Ambassador Hotel, combining historic character with modern refinement and attentive service. The Ambassador features the Deco Caffé and the Envoy Restaurant and Lounge, a bar that during happy hour serves historic cocktails with the 2nd drink priced at 1928 prices. The Ambassador Hotel is located close to Marquette University and the historic Pabst Mansion. It is within walking distance to the delightful 15th century St. Joan of Arc chapel transported from France and nestled onto Marquette’s campus.

On Thursday we will take the Historic Milwaukee Downtown Through the Eras walking tour starting at the Plankinton Building and ending at the Milwaukee Art Museum with its amazing Santiago Calatrava winged foyer. This tour will orient you to the downtown should you decide to explore this area on your own further later. We will then head to the Third Ward, an up and coming historic neighborhood filled with galleries, shops, and restaurants before we rendezvous to head back to our hotel. The first Thursday of the month is Kohl’s free day open late at the Milwaukee Public Museum so for those who wish to join us this will be an engaging evening at this historic style-setting museum of anthropology and natural history with a planetarium and IMAX theatre.

On Friday we will have a private tour of one of Frank Lloyd Wright’s innovative American System-Built Homes and, fingers crossed, tour Wright’s Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. After lunch at Mader’s German restaurant we will take the Old World Third walking tour for an in-depth exploration of Milwaukee’s German Heritage before our evening at the Milwaukee Art Museum. MAM has undergone a recent reinstallment of their permanent art collection and will feature “How Posters Work” as their temporary exhibition. Friday night is the late night at MAM so we can stay a while savoring this delightful museum on the lake and enjoying a light meal at its Calatrava Café.

On Saturday we will tour the historic Polish and Italian neighborhood along Brady Street with Historic Milwaukee Inc. You’ll have the option to explore downtown–tea at the Pfister Hotel anyone?–or join us for a visit to the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum in a David Adler designed Italian Renaissance villa and the treasured Charles Allis Art Museum. We will rendezvous for a visit to the Grohmann Museum of the Art of Work at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. You will be on your own in the evening.

On Sunday after check out, we’ll head to the city’s south side to catch a tour of St. Josephat’s Basilica and then stop at the nearby Forest Home Cemetery, with majestic tributes to Schlitz, Davidson, Blatz, Allis, Pabst, Lunt and Fontaine providing additional background to much of Milwaukee’s early cultural largess. On our way back to DeKalb we will stop for a tour at Ten Chimneys, the charming estate of Broadway legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine.

The Get-On-The-Bus Overnight Trips of the NIU Art Museum are limited to a small group of explorers. Early bird discounts are available until March 17. Please contact Jo Burke for more information and to confirm registration.

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Early Registration Discounts Available Through: March 17
Final Registration Deadline: April 14
Limited group size, space limited. Phone 815-753-1936 or visit www.niu.edu/artmuseum/bus/trips.shtml
Registration Form - Four Easy Ways to Register

1. PHONE your reservation, using your credit card for payment to: (815) 753-1936.
2. FAX your completed reservation form to (815) 753-7897.
3. MAIL your completed reservation to: NIU Art Museum, Milwaukee & Wisconsin GOTBON, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115
4. BRING completed form to the Museum, first floor, west end Altgeld Hall, NIU, DeKalb.

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The Ambassador Hotel, Milwaukee

[ ] YES, include me/us in this delightful cultural, art and architecture-filled trip.

____ only $800 ($725 if registered before March 17) per person.
____ only $700 ($625 if registered before March 17) per person (NIU Art Museum member).
____ $300 single room supplement
____ $12 Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum and Charles Allis Art Museum option per person.

$____ Total enclosed

All reservations confirmed by payment.

Fee includes: Roundtrip transportation between NIU and Milwaukee, Wisconsin with various regional excursions including West Bend and Sheboygan; 4 nights, double occupancy (including taxes) at the restored Art Deco style Ambassador Inn in Milwaukee; private guided walking tours of the Brady Street neighborhood, Old World Third neighborhood and Downtown Through the Eras led by Historic Milwaukee, Inc. docents; Ten Chimneys Estate Tour, Wright’s AB-S home and Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church; public tour of St. Josephat’s Basilica; entry to the Wisconsin Museum of Art, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Milwaukee Art Museum, Grohmann Museum, and Milwaukee Public Museum.

Meals on own, several options available. IMAX tickets at MPM extra on own. Villa Terrace and Charles Allis Art Museum optional.

Limited group size as both bus and hotel space is limited. Visit website at http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum/bus/trips.shtml

Final Registration deadline: Friday, April 14. Discount Registration deadline: Friday, March 17.

Questions: Jo Burke, Director, NIU Art Museum, (815)753-1936, or via email: jburke2@niu.edu

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Refunds: Cancellations are accepted and refunds minus $50 are issued, if written notification is received at least 50 days prior to the trip (April11). Cancellations after that time will be refunded if the trip is full and the ticket can be resold. Full refunds are given when NIU cancels a program, or when a program with limited enrollment is over-subscribed. Substitutions may be made, without penalty, any time prior to the trip departure. Itinerary is subject to change.