



In support of the exhibition, the Allentown Art Museum announces its schedule of Lautrec-related events:

**June 1 (Saturday), 6 p.m.–8 p.m.**

**Exhibition Preview Party for *Toulouse-Lautrec and His World***

The kick-off party to a summer of French fun, with a first look at the exhibition and featuring cabaret-style performances at 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.; live music by an accordionist who specializes in the Parisian swing-waltz style of Musette and Gypsy Jazz; sketch artists; French-inspired hors d'oeuvres created by Museum caterer Karen Hunter; and a cash bar complete with absinthe and French-style varietal wines from Blue Mountain Vineyards. **Members FREE, nonmembers \$15. Call 610-432-4333, ext. 129, to make a reservation, or visit [ticketleap](#).**

**June 2 (Sunday), noon–4 p.m.**

**Opening Day of special exhibition *Toulouse-Lautrec and His World***

In Scheller and Rodale Galleries, through September 1.

**June 5 (Wednesday), noon**

**Noon Gallery Talk: “The Beautiful Bodice: Fashions from the 1890s”**

Kayla O’Connor, the Museum’s adjunct curator of textiles, leads a walk-through and talk about the Victorian-era fashions on display in Goodman Gallery. This casual talk runs approximately forty-five minutes and is free with Museum admission.

**June 7 (and every Friday through August 30), 2 p.m.**

**French Fridays at the Museum!**

Museum educators will provide insight into the elegant and provocative works on display in *Toulouse-Lautrec and His World*. These intimate gallery tours are FREE with admission every Friday at 2 p.m. during the exhibition. Come early and enjoy a Parisian-style lunch or snack in the Museum Café, featuring French menu items all summer, such as mussel soup, goat-cheese tart, anchovy-and-tomato *pissaladière*, filled croissant, and more.

**June 9 (Sunday), 1 p.m.**

**Lisa Norris: “Toulouse-Lautrec and His Muse—Paris during the *Belle Époque*”**

Lautrec was a well-known fixture in the dancehalls, cabarets, and brothels of *Belle Époque* Paris. This talk will look at how Lautrec’s art reflects the raucous, glittering world that inspired him. **Lisa Norris** is Associate Professor of Art History at Kutztown University. She earned her doctorate degree from Brown University; her

specialization is French art of the later nineteenth century. **\$5 members, \$15 nonmembers. To register call 610-432-4333, ext 110, or go to ticketleap.com**

**June 16 (Sunday), 1 p.m.**

**Annette Blaugrund: "Dispensing Beauty"**

In her book *Dispensing Beauty: The Triumphs and Tragedies of Harriet Hubbard Ayer*, author and lecturer Annette Blaugrund tells the amazing story of the first American woman to own and operate a cosmetics company. As a Victorian-era entrepreneur, Ayer triumphed over divorce, kidnapping, madness, seduction, and betrayal to help generations of women look and feel good about themselves, first with her creams and balms and then with her writing for Joseph Pulitzer's *New York World*. In this presentation Dr. Blaugrund will detail Ayer's association with the popular French performer and Lautrec model Yvette Guilbert. **Annette Blaugrund** is the former director of the National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts in New York and has been named a Chevalier in the Order of Arts and Letters by the government of France. Dr. Blaugrund currently sits on the Advisory Council of the Art History department at Columbia University. **\$5 members, \$15 nonmembers. To register call 610-432-4333, ext 110, or go to ticketleap.com**

**July 14 (Sunday)**

**Bastille Day at the Museum**

Celebrate Bastille Day by taking in the Lautrec exhibit in the Museum's upstairs galleries, sampling French-style wines created by Blue Mountain Vineyards, and learning about the technology of art printing and lithography in the time of Lautrec at **1 p.m.** from **Christine Giviskos**, Associate Curator of European Art at the Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, in her presentation "French/European Printmaking in the Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century." Printmaking presentation is **\$5 for Museum members, \$15 nonmembers. To register call 610-432-4333, ext 110, or go to ticketleap.com**