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Infinite Variations on view in new M.C. Escher Exhibition at the FIA

(Flint, MI) The Flint Institute of Arts Museum + Art School presents *M.C. Escher: Infinite Variations*, on view May 16 through September 13, 2026, in the FIA's Hodge and Temporary Exhibition Galleries.

Drawn from the world's largest private traveling Escher collection, the exhibition features more than 140 woodcuts, lithographs, mezzotints, drawings, studies, and original printmaking materials by the renowned Dutch graphic artist **Maurits Cornelis Escher** (1898-1972). From his early Italian landscapes and book illustrations, to his most iconic prints of impossible architecture, tessellations, and metamorphic imagery, this exhibition spans the artist's entire career.

Escher challenged viewers to reconsider their perceptions of space, logic, and reality. He famously referred to himself not as an artist, but as a mathematician—his visual explorations inspired by geometry, Moorish tile patterns, reflections, alchemy, and the infinite. Though often overlooked by the fine art establishment during his lifetime, his work found admiration among scientists, educators, and the counterculture of the 1960s. Today, his visual puzzles remain as compelling and influential as ever.

The FIA will host a special "**Everyone's a Member**" **Preview** on Friday, May 15 beginning at 6p, featuring a lecture from guest speaker Dr. Salvatore Iaquinta, immediately followed by the exhibition opening and a lively reception. This preview event, typically reserved for FIA membership, will be free and open to the entire public, who are encouraged to **pre-register**.

*"With works spanning his career and highlighting all of his fascinations - from geometric patterns to fantastical architecture - **M.C. Escher: Infinite Variations** is an invitation to wander and imagine" said FIA Executive Director Tracee Glab. "I hope to see a full house on May 15 for the Members Preview, because 'everyone's a member' that night and is invited to attend a free lecture and opening reception for this wonderful new exhibition."*

Within the exhibition, visitors will also find the FIA Exploration Annex, featuring a mesmerizing collection of M.C. Escher black light posters created during the psychedelic poster culture of the late 1960s and 1970s. During that era, Escher's precise black-and-white images were reimagined without permission. Escher famously disliked these versions, calling them "horrid and horrible," while also acknowledging that some young people might prefer their "riot of colours" to his original work. This installation invites visitors to experience the strange collision between Escher's precision and order and the glowing visual language of blacklight poster design.

M.C. Escher: Infinite Variations single source traveling exhibition is provided by **PANART Connections**. Funding in part comes from a grant from the **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**.

Thanks to the Genesee County Arts and Culture Enrichment Millage, free admission to the exhibition is available to Genesee County residents seven days a week. Huntington Bank also supports free admission for all visitors every Saturday through Huntington Free Saturdays.

The FIA is committed to being a museum that is accessible to everyone. Guests requiring an accommodation or service may contact us at access@flintarts.org or 810.234.1695. Two weeks advance notice preferred.

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Related Programming

Everyone's a Member Preview

[The Wonder of M.C. Escher](#)

Friday 5.15.26 | 6p Lecture | 7p Preview & Reception | Free

Dr. Salvatore Iaquinta explores the concept of "wonder" in the work of M.C. Escher and examines how the artist sought to "see the world for both what it is and what it could be." The lecture includes discussion of iconic works including *Relativity*, *Snakes*, *Horsemen*, and *Double Planetoid*.

Art à la Carte

[Escher: Journey Into Infinity](#)

Wednesday 6.24.26 | 12:15p | Isabel Hall | Free

This 80-minute documentary explores the life and creative mind of M.C. Escher through more than 1,000 personal letters, diaries, and lectures, allowing the artist to tell his own story.

Coffee with a Curator

[M.C. Escher: Early Experiments to Infinite Variations](#)

Monday 7.13.26 | 10:30a | Isabel Hall | Free

Associate Curator Rachael Holstege leads an exploration of Escher's artistic development, from his lesser-known early works and illustrations to the groundbreaking prints that challenge our understanding of perspective, symmetry, and infinity - concluding with a look at the final work Escher completed before his death.

Creative Aging

[Sketching in the Galleries](#)

Wednesday 8.26.26 | 1:30p | Free

Let the master inform your drawing with his woodcuts, lithographs, etchings, and mezzotints. Visitors are invited to sketch within the galleries while drawing inspiration from ***M.C. Escher: Infinite Variations***. FIA educators will provide materials and guidance for all skill levels.

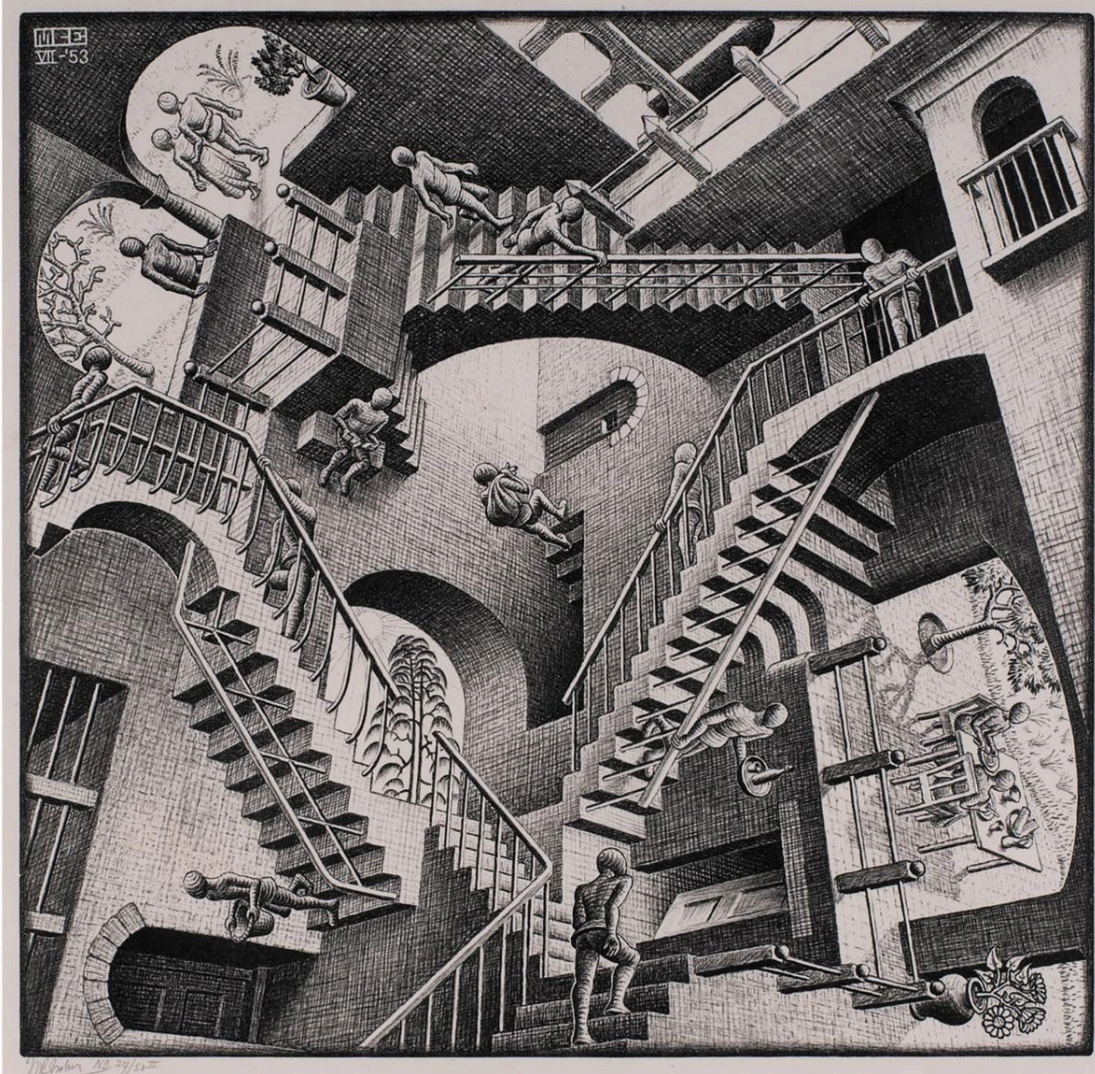
Exhibition details:

[MC Escher: Infinite Variations](#)

Saturday 5.16.2026 - Sunday 9.13.2026

FIA Hodge & Temporary Exhibition Galleries

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M.C. Escher, Dutch, 1898–1972. *Relativity*, 1953. Lithograph, 10 7/8 x 11 1/2 inches. Private collection. M.C. Escher images are copyright of the M.C. Escher Co.

Dr. Salvatore Iaquinta is a lifelong M.C. Escher enthusiast. His love for Escher started as a student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison where he saw his first Escher exhibition in 1992. He regularly contributes his expertise and art to museum exhibitions and serves on the Board of Directors for the [M.C. Escher Foundation](#). In his spare time, he is a Head and Neck Cancer surgeon in California.



The Flint Institute of Arts Museum + Art School connects diverse communities through fun, creative, and inspiring visual art experiences. The FIA is Michigan's second-largest art museum and one of the largest museum-connected art schools in the nation. Admission to the FIA is always free for Genesee County residents thanks to the Genesee County Arts Education & Cultural Enrichment Millage. Visit today and see how Art Brings Us Together.

