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GETTY VILLA HOSTS FREE OPENING WEEKEND ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE NEW INSTALLATION

Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, 2018
At the Getty Villa

LOS ANGELES – The Getty Villa celebrates newly re-installed galleries and special exhibitions with a weekend of free family-friendly activities April 21-22. Enjoy free tours of what is new on view, hands-on workshops for the whole family, performances throughout the day of Homer's *Odd-yssey* by the hilarious Troubadour Theater Company, and lectures related to the *Plato in LA* exhibition.

"Getty Villa Family Day" Activities

Odd-yssey

Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, 2018

Performances: 10:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Getty Villa, Outer Peristyle

Free, Advance Villa entry ticket required

Beloved theatrical group Troubadour Theater Company celebrate the reopening of the Getty Villa by paying homage to a treacherous, tumultuous journey of pitfalls and perils. No, not the 405 on a Friday...but Homer's *Odyssey*. The twelve-thousand-one-hundred-and-ten-line epic poem will be about twelve-thousand lines short. It's a speedy, twelve-minute comedic opera buffa performed al fresco to give guests direct access to the actors. Take pictures with the cast following each performance or with individual characters at 11:45 a.m. and 2:35 p.m.

Play-Doh Play

Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, 2018

11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Getty Villa, Education Courtyard

Free, Advance Villa entry ticket required

What if Plato played with Play-Doh? In this free, drop-in family workshop, create play-dough sculptures inspired by art in the Getty Villa. Add to a communal sculpture and make your own play-dough to take home. This is a recurring program that runs in April, May, and June.

Circe's Seed Ball Workshop

Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, 2018

12:00–4:00 p.m.

Getty Villa, Herb Garden

Free, Advance Villa entry ticket required

In Homer's *Odyssey*, Circe was a magical being famous for her knowledge of plants and her herbal potions that transformed people into animals. Explore the Villa Herb Garden with your family, then drop in to learn about ancient herbs and make seed balls to grow your own mini-garden at home.

Lectures/Talks

The Plato Conversations: Dialogues in LA

Saturday, April 21, 2018

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Villa Auditorium

Hear from renowned artists Paul Chan, Jeff Koons, Joseph Kosuth, Paul McCarthy, and Whitney McVeigh about their contributions to the exhibition *Plato in LA: Contemporary Artists' Visions*. In one-on-one dialogues with guest curator Donatien Grau, they discuss their engagement with Plato and the creative process behind their work.

Reception and exhibition viewing follows.

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The Audible Shadow:

A Performance-Talk by Vanessa Place

Sunday, April 22, 2018

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Villa Auditorium

Artist and lawyer Vanessa Place takes inspiration from Plato's Allegory of the Cave to consider ideas about perception, illusion, and the ideal. In this performance-talk, Place challenges Plato's idea that the reality we see around us is merely an imitation of an unseen perfect truth. The voices and echoes we hear, including our own, harmonize both the seen and unseen into something that "rings true." A conversation with Donatien Grau, guest curator of *Plato in LA: Contemporary Artists' Visions*, follows.

Free, Advance ticket required

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