MEDIA ADVISORY

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HAMMER

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Free Admission to the Hammer Museum Saturday, July 16 & Sunday, July 17 The Museum will have regular hours this weekend during the I-405 freeway closure





Los Angeles – Admission to the Hammer Museum will be **free** on **Saturday**, **July 16** and **Sunday**, **July 17**. The Museum and the Hammer Cafe will have regular visiting hours this weekend, but will close one hour early on Friday, July 15. The 405 freeway will shut down in both directions between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside during the weekend of July 15-17. Lane closures on the 405 Freeway will begin Friday night, with the freeway slated to reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday, July 18. For more information about the I-405 widening project, visit <u>metro.net</u>.

Hammer Museum Hours

Friday, July 15: 11am – 6pm **(Closing one hour early)** Saturday, July 16: 11am – 7pm **(Free admission)** Sunday, July 17: 11am – 5pm **(Free admission)**

The Hammer's public programs for Saturday and Sunday have been rescheduled. Please visit our <u>website</u> for details and up to the minute updates.

The **UCLA Film & Television Archive** will have its regular Friday, Saturday, and Sunday screenings in the Billy Wilder Theater at the Hammer Museum. For more information, visit their <u>website</u>.

The **Fowler Museum** on UCLA's campus will also have regular visiting hours, Saturday and Sunday (12-5pm) and will have **free admission**, as always. The Fowler event Fela-bration, a closing celebration for *Central Nigeria Unmasked: Arts of the Benue River Valley*, has been rescheduled from July 17 to July 23. Visit their <u>website</u> for details.

ABOUT THE HAMMER MUSEUM

The Hammer Museum, a public arts unit of the University of California, Los Angeles, is dedicated to exploring the diversity of artistic expression through the ages. Its collections, exhibitions, and programs span the classic to the cutting-edge in art, architecture, and design, recognizing that artists play a crucial role in all aspects of culture and society.

The museum houses the Armand Hammer Collection of Old Master, Impressionist, and Post-Impressionist paintings and the Armand Hammer Daumier and Contemporaries Collection. The Hammer's newest collection, the Hammer Contemporary Collection, is highlighted by works on paper, particularly drawings and photographs from Southern California. The museum also houses the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts, comprising more than 45,000 prints, drawings, photographs, and artists' books from the Renaissance to the present; and oversees the management of the Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden on the UCLA campus.

The Hammer presents major single-artist and thematic exhibitions of historical and contemporary art. It also presents approximately ten Hammer Projects exhibitions each year, providing international and local artists with a laboratory-like environment to create new work or to present existing work in a new context.

As a cultural center, the Hammer offers a diverse range of free public programs throughout the year, including lectures, readings, symposia, film screenings, and music performances. The Hammer's Billy Wilder Theater houses these widely acclaimed public programs and is the new home of the UCLA Film & Television Archive's renowned cinematheque.

HAMMER MUSEUM INFORMATION

For current program and exhibition information call **310-443-7000** or visit **www.hammer.ucla.edu**.

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 11am – 7pm; Thursday, 11am – 9 pm; Sunday, 11am – 5 pm; closed Mondays, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Admission: \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors (65+) and UCLA Alumni Association members; free for Museum members, students with identification, UCLA faculty/staff, military personnel, veterans, and visitors 17 and under. The Museum is free on Thursdays for all visitors. Public programs are always free.

Location/Parking: The Hammer is located at 10899 Wilshire Boulevard, at Westwood Boulevard. Parking is available under the Museum. Rate is \$3 for three hours with Museum validation. Bicycles park free.

Hammer Museum Tours: For group tour reservations and information, call 310-443-7041.