



**GoggleWorks & Albright College present
free annual Spring Iron Pour on April 27**

Sunset pour event plus workshop with artist Tripp Jarvis, roast with Dundore & Heister, live music by Grexin, and fire juggling by Whirled Dreams

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READING, PA - April 23, 2019- GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, one of the country's largest interactive art centers, will hold its annual Spring Iron Pour event at no cost to the public on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Held in partnership with Albright College, the third installment of the annual gathering will feature the major iron pour event at sunset led by Albright professor Brian Glaze, as well as a day-long schedule of programs with visiting artist Tripp Jarvis and a host of other activities.

"At nightfall, molten iron, heated to nearly 3,000 degrees will be poured into mandala relief and other molds," said Levi Landis, GoggleWorks Executive Director. "This is the closest thing to fireworks you can find in the art world."

In addition to the iron pour, the nighttime activities will include a culinary roast with Dundore & Heister, live music by Grexin, fire juggling by Whirled Dreams, food and bar service by on-site restaurant Belly Kitchen + Drinkery, s'mores roasting in hot glass crucibles, and more. All nighttime activities are free to guests.

Dundore & Heister, a local, pastured, organic butcher shop will donate all proceeds from their food sales to the art center's kids' programs. "We support GoggleWorks as they transform lives through dynamic interactions with art," said co-owner Tod Auman. "We are excited to be a part of the event, roasting meats and other local foods over a hand-made fire pit, serving skirt steak arepas and grilled elote."

Earlier in the day, sculptor Tripp Jarvis will lead a Mandala Casting Workshop, where

students will create their own mandala relief pattern then come back after sunset to watch their molds filled with molten iron to become mandala sculptures. In the afternoon, Jarvis will offer a free artist talk and screening of his film *Temple of the Heart*, directed by Ajit Anthony and produced by Hope James Foundation. The film explores the healing aspect of art and iron casting in relation to trauma.

"The full spectrum of activities that day is the perfect example of what GoggleWorks offers" said Landis. "We strive to present programs that are both substantive and accessible-where artists can perfect their craft and over 500 guests from the community can ooh and aah."

The program is the brainchild of Professor Glaze along with Landis and GoggleWorks alum James Pastore. The event draws over 500 attendees each year. Admission is free and subsidized by support from the Windgate Foundation and Carole and the late Ray Neag.

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About the Event

Iron Pour: Saturday, April 27, 7:00 PM

Cost: FREE admission and parking

Rain Date: May 4, 2019

Location: 201 Washington St. Reading, PA. The pour event is held on the east side of the campus, just outside of building 6, which houses warm glass and metalsmithing.

Mandala Relief Workshop: Saturday, April 27, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Tickets: www.GoggleWorks.org

Cost: Members \$97.75 / Non-Members \$115.00

Skill Level: All Levels

About GoggleWorks Center for the Arts

Located in downtown Reading, PA, GoggleWorks operates in a former goggle factory and is composed of 145,000 square feet of creative space. GoggleWorks offers year-round arts education, including workshops, classes, and visiting artists; a summer residency; youth summer camps; Boscov film theatre; Belly Kitchen + Drinkery; three galleries for exhibitions; the Berks Launchbox maker space; and eight communal studios-hot glass, wood, 2D print, warm glass, metals, ceramics, photography and virtual reality. www.GoggleWorks.org

About Albright College

Founded in 1856, Albright College educates creative, curious students to become adaptable, global citizens who discover and reach their full potential. The College's flexible interdisciplinary curriculum encourages students to combine majors and disciplines to create individualized academic programs. Close faculty mentorship, numerous experiential learning options, and a diverse, supportive and nurturing community of scholars and learners help students exceed their own expectations and graduate with a commitment to a lifetime of service and learning. Located in Reading, PA, Albright enrolls more than 1,800 full-time undergraduates and 700 adult learners and graduate students. www.albright.edu
