



## **Fort Lauderdale Becomes Hub City for National Museums For All Program**

*NSU Art Museum, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens and Historic Stranahan House Museum join History Fort Lauderdale and the Museum of Discovery and Science in offering the Museums For All Program*

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA** — October 4, 2021 — [NSU Art Museum](#), [History Fort Lauderdale](#), [Bonnet House Museum & Gardens](#), [Museum of Discovery and Science \(MODS\)](#) and [Stranahan House](#) establish Fort Lauderdale as a “Hub City” for [Museums For All](#), a national, branded access program that encourages individuals of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum habits. History Fort Lauderdale stewarded the initiative in Fort Lauderdale with MODS, joining more than 300 museums nationwide in the initiative. The addition of the new participating local museums establishes Fort Lauderdale as a Museums for All Hub City, defined as a community where at least three museums participate in the Museums for All program.

Museums for All is a signature accessibility program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Association of Children’s Museums (ACM) that encourages the community’s most vulnerable and in-need people to build lifelong museum-going habits by reducing or eliminating the cost barrier to visiting cultural institutions. At participating Fort Lauderdale museums, individuals and families who present a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly the Food Stamps Program) Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card and a valid form of photo ID will receive reduced or free admission at each location for up to four individuals per EBT card.

“Broward museums are a treasure that all of our residents should have access to. That is why the Broward County Commission has worked to help expand access for our children to attend local museums and have the opportunity to dive into the treasure trove of knowledge that museums have to offer,” said Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr.

“Through this unified commitment to access and equity across Fort Lauderdale cultural institutions, we are expanding opportunities for all and maximizing community impact,” said Joseph P. Cox, president and CEO of MODS, speaking on behalf of the museum directors. “Diversity, equity, access and inclusion are ingrained as ‘MODS for All’ foundational values. In 2019, MODS became the first museum in South Florida to feature the Museums for All program. Today, we continue to help level the playing field so more families have the ability to visit, ultimately fueling South Florida’s future workforce through early exposure to STEM learning.”

Since the launch of the initiative in 2014-2015, Museums for All has served more than 3 million visitors nationwide at more than 700 museums, representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

This marks Fort Lauderdale as the only Hub City on Florida's East Coast. Other Florida Hub Cities in this program include Fort Myers, St. Petersburg and Tampa.

For more information, please visit [museums4all.org](http://museums4all.org).

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***\*All museum partner boilerplates can be found [HERE](#).***

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