

# MAEA 2025 Spring Conference



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**April 11-12, 2025**  
**Meridian, MS**

# Registration Information



The 2025 MAEA Spring Conference will feature a tour of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience – The MAX galleries and exhibitions and one full day of hands-on professional development led by local artists in a variety of media at the Meridian Museum of Art. MAEA Spring Conference fees include admission to the guided tour of the MAX on Friday, Saturday sessions, art supplies needed for the sessions, and lunch on Saturday. The MAX tour will be Friday, April 11th, and the studio workshops will be hosted on Saturday, April 12th. All sessions are specifically geared to help Visual Arts teachers strengthen their teaching practices and show connections to the Mississippi Visual Arts Standards as well as give teachers opportunities to reflect, problem solve, and share new ideas and experiences. 1.3 CEU or 13 contact hours are available during this professional development conference.

## **Registration Costs:**

- Active Member(MAEA) - \$85
- Non Member - \$100
- Additional CEU Fee - \$10-15

## **Payment Options:**

Conference fees can be paid with a credit card or check. If you will be paying through a purchase order, please include the PO # and contact information for your bookkeeper at registration so MAEA can send an invoice to your school or district. Please submit the updated 2025 W9 form for MAEA to your district as well to ensure your check is sent to the correct address.

You can receive a full refund until April 1, 2025 for a cancellation. After April 1, all cancellations will be required to pay the registration fee. Register early to save your spot! Registration links for the studio workshops will be emailed and posted on the MAEA Facebook page and website when available in March. All conference fees must be paid before choosing your sessions.

## Conference Schedule

<b>Friday, April 11th, 2025</b> <b>Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience - The MAX</b> <b>2155 Front Street, Meridian, MS 39301</b>		
<b>12-3:00 pm</b>	Independent Exploration of Meridian Art Galleries & Museums <b>(Admission to these galleries is not                      included in the conference fee, but                      CEUs can be earned during this time.)</b>	Casteel Art Gallery(Meridian Community College) 910 Hwy 19 N, Meridian, MS 39307  Meridian Arts & Entertainment District 712 24th Ave, Meridian, MS 39301
<b>3:00-3:30 pm</b>	Registration	The MAX
<b>3:30-4:30 pm</b>	Guided Tours of the MAX	2155 Front St., Meridian, MS 39301
<b>5:00-7:00 pm</b>	MAEA Working Dinner & Artist Talk <b>(Cost of dinner is not included in                      the conference fee, but CEUs can be                      earned during this time.)</b>  Visit <a href="http://www.weidmanns1870.com">www.weidmanns1870.com</a> for dinner menu.	  <b>Weidmann's                      Restaurant</b> 210 22nd Avenue Meridian, MS 39301

<b>Saturday, April 12th, 2024</b> <b>Meridian Museum of Art</b> <b>629 25th Avenue, Meridian, MS 39301</b>		
<b>8:30 - 9:00 am</b>	Registration	Meridian Museum of Art
<b>9:00am-12:00p m</b>	Studio Workshops Session 1	Meridian Museum of Art
<b>12:00 - 1:00pm</b>	Lunch & Learn feat. Lowell Milken Unsung Heroes ArtEffect Competition Independent Gallery Exploration (Lunch included in cost)	Meridian Museum of Art
<b>1:00 - 4:00 pm</b>	Studio Workshops Session 2	Meridian Museum of Art



The Meridian Museum of Art (MMA) is housed in the historic Old Carnegie Library building, which was constructed in 1912-13, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and as a Mississippi Landmark. The Museum seeks to promote and support the art, artists, and art programs of our area and region through art education, exhibitions, collections, collaborations with other organizations, special events, and community involvement. MMA programs are designed to further these goals and to make art accessible to everyone in the community. The Museum serves an audience from across the state and region, but primarily from Meridian and Lauderdale County and the surrounding counties: Kemper, Neshoba, Newton, Jasper, and Clarke (in MS), and Sumter and Choctaw (in AL).



### ***Upcoming Exhibition***

*50th Annual BiState Competition and Exhibition,  
Best of Show Winner – Kathleen Varnell*

April 8 – June 7, 2025



**Mississippi  
Arts+  
Entertainment  
Experience**

Our vision was and is to showcase Mississippi's global legacy in every area of the arts, honor Mississippi's legends in arts and entertainment, and inspire tomorrow's artists through exhibitions, performances, classes, and events. Over the decade to follow, a dedicated board and a supportive celebrity committee pressed on toward our fundraising goals, despite financial blows from both Hurricane Katrina and the 2008 recession. In 2009, nearly 10 years of hard work behind the scenes reaped one of our first tangible rewards as we unveiled our [Hollywood-style Walk of Fame](#) and laid the groundwork for this museum experience.

In January 2017, the inaugural class of 18 inductees to the Mississippi Hall of Fame was announced at the Mississippi Capitol Rotunda. It consisted of Walter Inglis Anderson, William Faulkner, Morgan Freeman, John Grisham, Jim Henson, Robert Johnson, James Earl Jones, B.B. King, George Ohr, Elvis Presley, Leontyne Price, Jimmie Rodgers, Sela Ward, Muddy Waters, Eudora Welty, Tennessee Williams, Oprah Winfrey, and Richard Wright. In August 2018, five more Mississippi artists were added to The MAX Hall of Fame: Jimmy Buffett, William Eggleston, Willie Morris, Charley Pride, and Howlin' Wolf. Joining them in June 2019 were Margaret Walker, Bo Diddley, John Lee Hooker, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Tammy Wynette. The new facility, with \$14 million in immersive and interactive exhibitions, was completed with no remaining debt.

By shining the spotlight on Mississippi's statewide contributions in arts and entertainment, The MAX guides visitors to other towns and museums throughout the state, from Elvis Presley's Tupelo to B.B. King's Indianola to Jimmy Buffett's Pascagoula to Eudora Welty's Jackson to Walter Anderson's Ocean Springs, and many more. Because when it comes to arts and entertainment, Mississippi is a land full of legends.



**Current Exhibition:**

Thank You Please Come Again: How Gas Stations Feed and Fuel the American South

February 22 – May 24, 2025

# Saturday Lunch Options



**Boxed Sandwiches - Each includes a whole sandwich, chips, and a dessert.**

- **Chicken Salad on Croissant**
- **Ham & Cheese on Wheatberry**
- **Newk's Club on Wheatberry**
- **Veggie on Wheatberry**
- **Turkey & Cheese on Wheatberry**

**Boxed Salads - Each includes a salad, dressing, breadsticks, and a dessert.**

- **Garden Salad**- Mixed greens, grape tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, and cheddar cheese. Served with Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing.
- **Cobb Salad** - All-natural chicken, bacon, mixed greens, diced eggs, Bleu Cheese, grape tomatoes, green onions, pecans, and croutons. Served with Ranch dressing.