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## Louisiana Art & Science Museum to explore the art and healing power of jazz in new exhibit

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ENTERTAINMENT



Herman Leonard's gelatin silver print, "Duke Ellington, Paris, France, 1958," is featured in the Louisiana Art & Science Museum's exhibit, 'Improvisation: The Art and Healing Power of Jazz.' Photo was provided to the exhibit by Jenny Bagert. Learn more at [hermanleonard.com](http://hermanleonard.com).

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The Louisiana Art & Science Museum, 100 S. River Road, will open its newest exhibition, "Improvisation: The Art and Healing Power of Jazz," on Saturday, Feb. 3, in The Republic Finance Gallery.

**The show will run through Sept. 22.**

This exhibition will be a celebration of the history of jazz but also its ability to positively affect the human condition.

The artists featured in this exhibition, **Claudia Hayden, Herman Leonard, Brandon Lewis and Chuck Stewart**, were chosen for their unique visions of jazz, along with their creative ability to celebrate the therapeutic power of jazz through art and music.

Music has always played a prominent role in featured artist Claudia Hayden's life, who decided to take her passion for art to the next level by incorporating musical influences into her visual creations.

*"I am absolutely thrilled and deeply grateful to be a part of this exquisite exhibition that serves as a true embodiment of my creative essence," she said.*

*"It's a joy to contribute to a showcase that resonates so harmoniously with every facet of my artistic identity."*

Due to its improvisational yet soothing nature, scientific research shows that jazz music has many health benefits, such as relieving stress, lowering blood pressure, lessening depression and increasing focus and productivity. Along with diving into the science of jazz music's health benefits, the exhibit will highlight key moments in the history of

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