

Journey into Frida Kahlo's Garden

William D. Cannon Art Gallery
Sept. 1 – Oct. 20, 2021

Opening Reception

Friday, Sept. 3
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Closing Celebration

Sunday, Oct. 17
2 p.m.

The Life and Times of Frida Kahlo
(Documentary, 2005, NR, 1h 30m)
Gallery will be open before and after
the documentary.

Curator's Message

When I visited Casa Azul several years ago, I was inspired by Frida Kahlo's home and surroundings. Imagine my delight when we were invited to host the travelling exhibition *Frida Kahlo's Garden* at the Cannon Art Gallery. Visitors to the exhibition are invited to experience Frida's world of creativity. She is remembered most for her self-portraits and bold, vibrant colors but she relied heavily on the natural world for inspiration. Many of her works are filled with colorful and compelling depictions of flowers, foliage, and fruits, many native to Mexico. We invite you to join us and be immersed in *Frida Kahlo's Garden*.

-Karen McGuire, Gallery Curator

Guest Artist Residency with Vanessa Severo

Vanessa Severo studied at Missouri State University and The American Conservatory Theatre, San Francisco. She is the playwright and actor of *Frida... A Self Portrait*; a one-woman production about the tumultuous and brilliant life of Frida Kahlo. www.vanessasevero.com

Wednesday, Sept. 15

6:30 p.m. **Pre-film Q&A** with Vanessa Severo
7 p.m. **Screening** of the film *Frida*
(Drama, 2002, R, 2h)

Friday, Sept. 17

7:30 p.m. **Frida... A Self-Portrait** performance and Q&A
Schulman Auditorium

Saturday, Sept. 18

10 a.m. **Coffee with Frida** in the Cannon Art Gallery
Meet and greet with Actor Vanessa Severo
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Pop Up Art: an Interactive Studio Experience**
Children's Garden at the Dove Library Complex
Free art making for all ages.
7:30 p.m. **Frida... A Self-Portrait** performance and Q&A
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Vanessa Severo as Frida

Visitors to this exhibition will explore iconic photographs of the artist and her home and garden as well as reproductions of several of her paintings. Additionally, the gallery will present authentic memorabilia of the artist loaned by a local private collector; a traditional dress, pottery, address book and other personal objects.

Frida Kahlo (1907–1954) is considered one of the most significant artists of the twentieth century. The garden at *Casa Azul* (or *Blue House*), Kahlo's lifelong home in Coyoacán, Mexico City, was a creative refuge and a source of inspiration for the artist and her husband, Diego Rivera (1886–1957). The garden, which was filled with native plants, housed Kahlo and Rivera's collection of pre-Hispanic artifacts and folk art displayed on a four-tiered pyramid inspired by the Mesoamerican city of Teotihuacan.



Frida Kahlo, seated next to an agave plant, 1937
Photo by Toni Frissell, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

Cover Image Credit: *Frida with Picasso* Edmings, 1939
Photo by Nikolas Muray

Image Credit: *Blue agave Plant*, 2016
Photo by Dean Filkar

Gallery Hours

Tuesday - Thursday, noon – 7 p.m. • Friday & Saturday, noon – 5 p.m. • Sunday & Monday, closed
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