

5 THINGS TO DO IN DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT

Celebrate a very special birthday, meet our artists of tomorrow, be



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part of the audience for a first-ever musical performance. We have art, nature, even an alternate

universe or two. If you can clone yourself, all the better to catch it all downtown!

1. She's one and looking all grown up! The Marlene Yu Museum, named for the internationally-known artist, celebrates a first 'birthday' with a gala event featuring Yu's breath-taking works of art, a look at her new fashion line as well as the opening of *Abstract Nature*, a mixed media exhibit of 15 talented artists. When: Thursday, Jan. 21, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Where: Marlene Yu Museum, 710 Travis St. Cost: \$150 at the door. Info: marleneyumuseum.org

2. Know where the artists of tomorrow are? They're at artspace, for the opening of the 2015 ArtBreak Winning Showcase Exhibit. We guarantee that you will laugh, exclaim and be amazed at the talent you will see in local schoolkids who participated in the South's largest student art festival! The reception features nibbles and beverages, too. When: Thursday, Jan. 21, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Where: artspace, 710 Texas St. Cost: Free. Info: 318-673-6535.

3. *Abstract Nature* in all its wonderful variants is yours to see at the Marlene Yu Museum now through March 4. Ponder

mushrooms as art, strange sculptural creatures, paintings and photographs and more.

When: Through March 4. Where: Marlene Yu Museum, 710 Travis St. Cost: \$3/\$10. Info: marleneyumuseum.org

4. It's time for some hot Russian tea and a discussion of alternate universes at the Shreve Memorial Library's For-

ever Young Book Club. Pick up *A Thousand Pieces of You* by Claudia Grey and enjoy discussion about the astonishing *Firebird*. When: Saturday, Jan. 23, 2-4 p.m. Where: 2nd floor, main library @ 424 Texas St. Cost: Free. Info: shreve-lib.org

5. It's 65 years and going strong; the International Wideman Piano Competition continues to

bring in the most talented young players in the world to Shreveport. This year the competition features a never-before-heard symphony from our very own virtuoso, Kermit Poling. When: Saturday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. Where: RiverView Theater, 600 Clyde Fant Parkway. Cost: \$12-\$59. Info: shreveportsymphony.com

