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LOOKING FOR AN ENGAGING GIFT FOR YOUR CHILD THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? LET YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION TRAVEL DURING WAM'S DECEMBER WORKSHOPS & WINTER CLASSES!

(WORCESTER, Mass.) – Looking for that special gift or something fun AND creative for your kids to do this winter break and during the long dull days of winter? The Worcester Art Museum has the answer! WAM is the hot place to be this winter.

DECEMBER WORKSHOPS run Wednesday through Friday, December 26-28. Classes run from 10am-noon and 12:30-2:30pm, with the option of a supervised lunch break. Sign-up your child for one class or three full days of classes. WAM is also offering an **Adventure Comic Book** full-day workshop on Friday (Dec. 28, 10:30am-2:30pm) for 13-17 year olds where students can create their own comic book in WAM's state-of-the-art computer lab.

WINTER YOUTH CLASSES run January 8 through March 8 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Some fun examples of weekly classes offered are **Art Together: Color My World** (ages 3-5 with adult), **I Can Draw You, I Can Draw Me** (ages 5-7), **Painting Experimental** (ages 8-10), **Digital Art** (ages 11-13), and **Fashion for Teens** (ages 14-17).

Continuing a long tradition of providing quality art education to youth, the Worcester Art Museum presents a number of hands-on classes and workshops inspired by the Museum's collection and infused with creative and technological innovations.

Looking for some more structured together time with your **Preschooler**? Try one of the **Parent/Child Classes!** Explore **Art Together: Making It Big**, which enables you and your child to go on an animal hunt in the galleries and then create 3-D animals, people, and buildings with paper, paint, and more! Won't be able to join your child for a class? Sign up Grandma with your child instead! Creating wonderful memories while making artwork with your child/grandchild is only one of the many benefits of WAM's classes for youngsters.

Young students will take inspiration from **Mask Making** (ages 8-10 years) where children can make their own masks after exploring the different cultures displayed throughout the WAM galleries. Or, sign your child up for **Sculpture** and let them try their hand at work in clay, wood, wire, and other objects. For your older child, enroll them in **Computer Illustration**, and give them the experience of working with digital technologies.

High School Intensives are designed for older students (ages 14-17). High Schoolers can build their portfolios in these challenging, yet rewarding classes. **Painting** and **Drawing** for teens provide students with invaluable techniques in composition and perspective (and much more!). Other portfolio building classes for high schoolers include **Fashion for Teens** and **Print It! Darkroom Photo**. Too shy to take a class alone? Sign-up with a friend!

With an annual attendance of over 1,500 students, Worcester Art Museum youth classes are taught by a professional staff of artists and educators and include visits to the Museum's galleries for learning and inspiration before studio activities.

Browse through the dozens of creative classes and workshops in the **Winter Classes Brochure**. For a copy, call (508) 799-4406 x3007 or check it out on the web at www.worcesterart.org. WAM's helpful education team is always happy to answer your questions and provide advice as to what class is right for your child.

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum, which opened to the public in 1898, is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. The works span 5,000 years of art and culture. View paintings by Cassatt, Gauguin, Goya, Monet, Sargent and Whistler; admire floor mosaics from the ancient city of Antioch; see cutting-edge contemporary art; and discover the Museum's many other treasures. Special exhibitions showcase the masterworks, seldom-seen gems, and important works on loan. Enjoy a delectable lunch in the Museum Café, and browse the Shop for unique gifts and mementos.

Dedicated to the promotion of art and art education, the Museum offers a year-round studio art and art appreciation program that enrolls over 7,000 adult and youth students each year. Public tours are offered Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m., September through May. Audio tours are also available in English and Spanish.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11am-5pm, Third Thursdays of every month, 11am-8pm, and Saturday, 10am-5pm.. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and full-time college students with current ID, and FREE for Members and all youth 17 and under. Admission is also FREE for everyone on Saturday mornings, 10am-noon (sponsored by Fidelity Investments, The TJX Companies, Inc. and National Grid).

The Museum is located at 55 Salisbury St., Worcester, Mass., easily accessible from the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), Route 290 and Route 9. Free parking is available near entrances on Salisbury, Lancaster and Tuckerman streets. For more information, call (508) 799-4406 or visit the Museum web site at www.worcesterart.org.

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