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SUMMER CLASSES KEEP KIDS AND WALLETS HAPPY AT WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

(WORCESTER, Mass., April 10, 2009) –For many children, summertime is filled with the traditional getaways to Cape Cod, trips to water parks and out-of-state vacations. But in these tough economic times, many families this year are looking for fun activities that won't break the bank. For those looking to beat the heat and try something new this summer, look no further than Worcester Art Museum. The museum offers a multitude of summer art classes that stimulate creativity and imaginations of children of all ages, interests and skill levels.

Starting July 6 and running until August 14, classes are offered Monday through Friday for children between 3 and 17 years old. From mythical creature creation, fashion design, photography, cartooning, to painting and sculpture, Worcester Art Museum's summer classes offer an enjoyable way for children to expand upon existing interests and develop new skills while learning more about the world and themselves along the way.

The museum houses a collection that spans over 50 centuries. All youth classes begin with a visit to the museum where students explore the galleries and learn about other cultures through art. "In the galleries our professional instructors guide students to learn and find inspiration for their own work," said WAM Director of Education, Honee A. Hess. "Our goal is for young people to enjoy art and understand how people, places or events in their lives can become the ideas for their own art."

Classes are divided into two two-week sessions and two one-week sessions, and costs range from \$120 to \$160, which according to Hess, is a bargain in comparison to other summer activities. “For the cost of three one-day passes to an amusement park, your child will spend 10 days immersed in his or her imagination, discovering exciting ways to make art and having lots of fun,” said Hess. Classes are held conveniently in the morning, early afternoon and late afternoon. The Museum also has an Extended Day program that makes art classes a boon to working parents needing all day activities.

In addition to youth classes, summer classes are also available for adults. For a brochure detailing complete course listings and registration information, and 24-hour online registration, visit the Museum’s website, www.worcesterart.org , or call (508) 799-4406 ext. 3129. A limited number of Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance.

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Located on Salisbury St., in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Worcester Art Museum opened in 1898 and is one of America’s most respected art museums. The museum is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. For more information, visit www.worcesterart.org.

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