

NEWS

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SCHOOL IS OUT! YOUR CHILD+WAM SUMMER CLASSES= FUN!

(WORCESTER, Mass., April 28, 2006) – Looking for something fun AND creative for your kids to do the summer? Worcester Art Museum has the answer! Youth ages 3-17 (3-5 with adult) can experience the magic of making exciting art projects right here at the Museum. There are so many options: from *The Art of Fashion* to *Create a Comic*, WAM is the place to be this summer.

Continuing a long tradition of providing quality art education to youth, the Worcester Art Museum presents dozens 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 our parent/child classes! *Art Together: Dots for Tots*, helps your child discover colors, squiggles, and of course dots, as they create, with your help, paintings and mixed-media collages while learning about Impressionism. There are also many other topics from which to choose. Won't be able to join your child for a class? Sign up Grandma with your child instead! Dads...looking for a great Mother's Day gift? Look no further! Sign up your favorite Mom and Preschooler to spend some special time together. Moms...looking for more ways for Dad to spend time with the kids? Sign them up for a class together! Creating wonderful memories while making something with your child/grandchild is only one of the many benefits of our classes for youngsters.

Young students will take inspiration from ancient Egypt in *Art Along the Nile* (ages 8-10); create a paradise on Earth in *Peaceable Kingdom* (ages 5-7); or learn about the art of Japanese comics in *Manga!* (ages 11-13). For an adventure right here in Worcester, *Art Around Worcester* (ages 8-10) offers students the chance to draw landscapes and architecture at locations throughout the city.

Our High School Intensive classes are designed for the older student (ages 14-17). Take a class with WAM's ever-popular instructor Andy Fish: *Drawing on Location*, *Illustration: Myth and Symbol*, or *Foundations of*

Visual Computing. Other high school classes include a *The Art of the Modern Web*, *Photography* and *Art Fundamentals: Inspired by Nature*. Too shy to take a class alone? Sign-up with a friend!

New this summer... August 14-18 is *Art, Culture and Language Week at WAM! Let's go to France* is geared to 5-7 year olds. Let your little one paint herself into her version of a Monet masterpiece while learning some fundamentals of the French language—*très magnifique!* 8-10 year-olds imagine themselves on the tropical isle of Puerto Rico—*papier-mâché* masks are just the beginning! Older kids can enjoy making origami and anime while they explore the art, culture and language of Japan. *Omoshiromi!*

Two-week class sessions begin July 10 and 24, and August workshops will take place the week of Aug. 7-11 and 14-18. Extended day activities while kids are not participating in a class from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (before classes start, lunch time, after class) are available for an extra fee. Fees include all materials. Applications for scholarships, based on financial need, are available by calling (508) 799-4406 x3007 and on the Museum's web site.

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 summer classes brochure. For a copy of the brochure, call (508) 799-4406 x3007 or check it out on the web at www.worcesterart.org.

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, ranging from ancient Roman mosaics to Colonial silver, Impressionist paintings and contemporary art. Dedicated to the promotion of art and art education, the Museum offers a year-round studio art and art appreciation program that enrolls over 6,000 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, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (evening hours sponsored by Commerce Bank), and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 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, 10 a.m.-noon (sponsored by 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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