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SCHOOL IS OUT! LET YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION TRAVEL TO WAM SUMMER CLASSES!

(WORCESTER, Mass., May 4, 2007) – Looking for something fun AND creative for your kids to do this summer? The Worcester Art Museum has the answer! Youth ages 3-17 (3-5 with adult) can experience the magic of making exciting art projects at the Museum. There are so many options: from *Creative Cartooning* to *Pop Art Painting* to *Art Together: Museum Explorers*, WAM is the place to be this summer.

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!** New this year is *Family Fun: Decorative Arts*, which let's you and your child make your own decorative arts using clay, paint, and other materials inspired by our collection! 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? Or...sign up for a class together! 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 *Creative Costumes* (ages 8-10 years) where your child can makes their own costumes based on attire from ancient Egypt or medieval Europe. Or, sign your child up for *Bonjour French Art* and let them get a taste of French culture. For your older child, enroll them in *Black-and-White Photography*, and give them the experience of working in a darkroom.

High School Intensives are designed for older students (ages 14-17). High Schoolers can build their portfolios in these challenging, yet rewarding classes. Scott Smith teaches classes in both Painting and Drawing for teens where invaluable techniques in composition and perspective (and much more!) are taught. Other portfolio building classes for high schoolers include *Fashion as Art* and *Advanced Photography*. Too shy to take a class alone? Sign-up with a friend!

Back by popular demand...**Art and Language Week** at WAM! Running from August 13-17, students ages 5-13 have the chance to explore French, Spanish, and Japanese art and culture. *Let's go to France* is geared for 8-10 year olds. Let your little one paint herself into her version of a Monet—*très magnifique!* 5-7 year olds have the chance to investigate Spanish art as well as learn Spanish phrases and songs—*¡qué divertido!* 11-13 years olds can explore Japanese culture such as the arts of origami and anime. *Omoshiromi!*

Two-week class sessions begin July 9 and 23, and August workshops will take place the week of Aug. 6-10 and 13-17. 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. 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, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Third Thursdays of every month, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., 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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