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TREAT YOURSELF TO AN ART CLASS AT THE WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

ADULT CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 24

FALL ADULT OPEN HOUSE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 5:30-7PM

(WORCESTER, Mass., August 14, 2007) — For a change, do something nice for you! An Adult class at the Worcester Art Museum is a perfect start to the fall. Sign up with a friend, or go and meet some new ones! **Adult classes at the Worcester Art Museum begin September 24 and are offered daytimes, evenings, and weekends from 1-day to 13-weeks.**

WAM's fun NEW exploratory Friday night classes offer a respite at the end of the week...choose from studio art, art appreciation, writing and computer art—in a state-of-the-art computer lab. *Photographing People Naturally, Web Page Design for Beginners, Friday Night Painting, and Spanish for Art Lovers and Travelers* are just a sampling of what the Museum offers on Friday nights.

The Worcester Art Museum also offers **extensive daytime, weeknight, and weekend classes and workshops**, providing hands-on art instruction in traditional media such as drawing, painting, watercolor, sculpture and photography as well as more unusual forms of expression. Many classes open cultural doors, such as *Oriental Brush Painting, Art of Tai Chi, Art of Yoga, Art of Salsa and More, and Venice, the Bride of the Sea.* and take advantage of the Worcester Art Museum's world-class collection spanning 50 centuries of art and culture.

The fall class schedule includes many writing courses, including *Women Write, Publishing Your Fiction, Essays, and Poetry*, as well as a *Writers Workshop: Shaking Up the Family Tree.*

Do you have a new computer or camera? Go to the Worcester Art Museum and learn how to use it! Sign-up for *Web Page Design for Beginners, Photoshop for Novices, PowerPoint Workshop, Introduction to In Design* or *How to Make the Most of Internet Communities.*

MORE CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

Teacher Institute: *American Vision: Integrating the Decorative Arts Across the Curriculum*

September 25 –December 11, 13-weeks, Tuesdays, 4-7pm, (Field trip: October 13)

The decorative arts, those objects that are created to be both useful and beautiful, can tell us much about the times and lifestyles of their creators and users. This art education course will examine the Museum's decorative arts collection and works in the special exhibition *An American Vision: Treasures from the Winterthur Museum* (opening November 4) to discover more about the people and places of early America. The class will take a field trip to tour Pendleton House at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design. Students will study American decorative arts from colonial times through the 19th century.

HOW TO REGISTER

Looking for personalized guidance with course selection? Call our friendly and informative Education Team.

1. online: www.worcesterart.org/Education
2. phone: 508.793.4333 or 508.793.4334
3. mail: Education Department, Worcester Art Museum, 55 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609
4. fax: 508.791.3951
5. in person: Visit the Education Desk in the Higgins Education Wing, Tuesday–Friday, 9am–5pm.

Complete course listings and registration are accessible on the Museum's website at www.worcesterart.org. Or call 508.793.4333 or 508.793.4334 to receive the fall *Classes* brochure. Many Worcester Art Museum classes may be taken for college credit from Becker College, Clark University, Fitchburg State College, Massachusetts College of Art, Quinsigamond Community College and our newest educational partner, Worcester State College. Teacher professional development points are offered for all classes. Scholarships are available.

RELATED EVENT

Fall Adult Open House

Friday, September 14, 5:30-7pm, Higgins Education Wing, use Lancaster Entrance, Free

Come to our special Friday after-work Open House and learn all about the exciting fall offerings. Meet with our faculty, discuss your artistic interests, enjoy light refreshments/cash bar, and sign up for classes before they fill up!

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum, which opened to the public in 1898, is world-renowned for its 40,000-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 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, 11am-5 pm, Third Thursdays of every month, 11am-8pm. (evening hours sponsored by Commerce Bank), and Saturday, 10am-5pm. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and fulltime 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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