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OPEN HOUSE FOR FALL CLASSES ON SEPTEMBER 10 AT WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

Adults Discuss and Learn About New Course Offerings for Fall Session

(WORCESTER, Mass., September 2, 2009) – Worcester Art Museum kicks off its fall session of art classes for adults with an open house on Thursday, September 10, 2009. From 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., adults are invited to meet the instructors, learn about course offerings, and register for fall classes that begin on September 21.

The museum offers a variety of art classes that cater to adults of all ages, interests and skill levels. Programs range from novice to advanced and include fiction writing, photography, acrylic and oil painting, abstract art creation, cartooning, Japanese brush painting, sculpture and much more.

New this fall is an outdoor photography class, *Worcester Photo Walks*. Led by instructor Scott Erb, students will find inspiration in Worcester's scenic areas, such as Elm Park, Hope Cemetery, Salisbury Park and Bancroft Tower. Also new this fall is *Who Knew? Highlights of the WAM Collection*. In each of the three sessions, students will examine specific artworks in the galleries and discuss social issues surrounding the work. Topics include the concept of beauty and freedom of expression.

“The open house is an opportunity for new and returning students to discuss their artistic interests with instructors and to learn about new programs,” said Associate Director of Education, Marcia Lagerwey. “The Museum offers a range of courses and class schedules to

meet the needs and interests of all adults. Whether you're a budding artist, experienced pro or fall somewhere between, we're happy to help you find the class that's right for you."

Courses are available during the day, evening or weekends and costs range from \$15 to \$310. Travel classes to Newport, Mexico, Italy, Ireland, Greece and China are also available. In addition to adult classes, fall classes are also available for youth, teens and families. For a brochure detailing complete course listings and registration information, 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.

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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