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YOUTH CLASSES START OCTOBER 6 AT WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

New Teen Program and Family Workshops Enhance the Fall Lineup

(WORCESTER, Mass., September 2, 2009) – When Worcester Art Museum’s fall session of youth and teen art classes begins on October 6, two new programs will be added to the diverse assortment of classes that includes everything from animation, fashion design, creative writing, and figure drawing, to sculpture and painting.

Teen Thursdays are an intensive, eight-week program for college-bound artists looking to strengthen their skills and enhance their portfolios, an application requirement for most college and university art programs. Students will develop portfolio-appropriate artwork and critique other like-minded teens with expert guidance and advice from instructors.

“A strong portfolio is critical for students applying to college or university art programs,” said Worcester Art Museum Director of Youth and Family Programs, Christopher Whitehead. “Many of our instructors are also educators at college art programs, and their advice will help them build a well-rounded portfolio as they prepare for a future that includes art.”

Also new are *Sunday Family Workshops*. For four Sunday afternoons, youth and adults of all ages and relationships – aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc. – will experience art making together in the studios and learn how the museum can be used as a source for family entertainment.

“Between work, school and other commitments, many families struggle to find time to spend together,” said Whitehead. “This program gives families that time to connect with each other and to have fun while creating something together.”

All classes begin with a visit to the museum’s galleries where explore and learn about other cultures through a collection that spans over 50 centuries and ranges from antiquities to contemporary art. “In the galleries our professional instructors guide students to learn and find inspiration for their own work,” said Whitehead. “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 held conveniently in the morning, early afternoon, evening and on weekends and costs range from \$90 to \$180. In addition to youth classes, fall 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.

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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