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KIDS GET CREATIVE THIS SUMMER AT THE WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

(WORCESTER, Mass., May 10, 2010) – If you're searching for

creative activities for the kids this summer, look no further than the Worcester Art Museum. Registration is open for the summer session of art classes and workshops for kids between 3 and 17 years, which begin on Tuesday, July 6.

Students will spend the summer using paint, clay, charcoal, cloth, photography, or computers to create their own masterpieces, learn new techniques, and enhance natural talents. New to the summer lineup are courses that delve into the art, culture and language of France, Egypt, Japan and Ireland. Some courses will venture outside where kids will draw or photograph scenes in the Museum's courtyard, and in the surrounding parks and buildings. Students will also expand their art history knowledge, as all courses will tour the WAM galleries that relate to their specific course topics.

Also new this summer are the Museum's Teen Intensive workshops, designed for college-bound artists looking to strengthen their skills and enhance their portfolios, an application requirement for most college and university art programs. For four days, students will develop portfolio-appropriate artwork and critique other like-minded teens with expert guidance and advice from instructors. Teen workshops run from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6 – Friday, July 9.

Morning and afternoon classes are available in each of the Museum's four summer sessions. In July, Session 1 runs Monday July 12 – Friday, July 23, and Session 2 runs Monday, July 26 – Friday, August 6. In August, Session 1 runs Monday, August 9 – Friday, August 13, and Session 2 runs August 16 – Friday, August 20. Costs range from \$105 to \$240 and extended day child care is available in the mornings and afternoons. For a brochure detailing complete course listings and registration information, visit the Museum's Web site, www.worcesterart.org , or call (508) 793-4333. 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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