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SPRING IS IN THE AIR! COME EXPLORE THE BEAUTY OF OUR WORLD WITH YOUTH SPRING CLASSES!

(WORCESTER, Mass., March 14, 2008) – **SPRING YOUTH CLASSES** run **March 18 through May 17 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays**. 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. Check online or flip through the Classes Brochure to see the artistic opportunities that pop up when spring reaches WAM! Some fun examples of weekly classes offered are **Art Together: Stories in Art** (ages 3-5 with adult), **Soft Art** (ages 5-7), **Southwest Adventures** (ages 8-10), **Digital Art** (ages 11-13), and **Painting for Teens** (ages 14-17).

Looking for some more structured together time with your **Preschooler**? Try one of the **Parent/Child Classes!** Explore **Art Together: Stories in Art**, where you will enjoy hearing stories from around the world inspired by visits to the galleries. In the studio, create works of art that tell stories from your own imagination and work together and separately to boost your child's self-confidence, and model life-long learning skills. Won't be able to join your child for a class? Sign up a grandparent with your child instead! 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 **Digital Art** (ages 11-13 years) where students can make art using the computer after exploring the artwork displayed throughout the WAM galleries. Or, sign your child up for **Illustration** and let them try their hand at work in pencil, charcoal, ink and other drawing materials. For your older child, enroll them in **Great Fashion**, and give them the experience of working with textiles, clothing design and patterning.

High School Intensives are designed for older students (ages 14-17). High Schoolers can build their portfolios in these challenging, yet rewarding classes. **Painting** and **Drawing** for teens provide students with invaluable

techniques in composition and perspective (and much more!). Other portfolio building classes for high schoolers include **Pop Art** and **Darkroom Photography**. Too shy to take a class alone? Sign-up with a friend!

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 **Winter/Spring Classes Brochure**. For a copy, call 508.793.4334/4333 or check it out on the web at www.worcesterart.org. WAM's helpful education team is always happy to answer your questions and provide advice as to what class is right for your child.

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, ranging from ancient Roman mosaics to Colonial silver, Impressionist paintings and contemporary art. 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, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (evening hours sponsored by Commerce Bank), 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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