

## September 15, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Ages 3–5

### **Self Portraits**

Explore self–portrait and portrait paintings throughout the Museum’s galleries.

Art Activity: Create a portrait of yourself using cut out paper. Create one for your grown–up, too!

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Art as Process: Experiments and Outcomes**

What does it mean to be an artist? What is an experiment and what can we learn from them?

Take a closer look artwork created by artists who have used unusual materials and experimental techniques.

Activity: Marbling paper with liquid watercolor and shaving cream

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Identity: Highlights of the MFA**

Explore the galleries to discover some of the MFA’s most well–known objects.

Activity: Discuss the beginnings of art history and create our own version of cave paintings using paint, brown paper, chalk, and water.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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### **Horizon Lines**

Discover how artists working in a variety of styles and mediums have represented the place where the earth and sky meet. Learn how composition, proportion, line, and color help create the optical effect.

Activity: Create abstracted horizon lines using paint, canvas, and squeegees.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## September 22, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM

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### **Where I Live**

Take a closer look at artwork from and about the city of Boston while thinking about the different types of buildings that we have in this city and what it looked like many years ago.

Activity: Make an accordion book and add some of your favorite places in Boston.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Making Decisions: Why This and Not That?**

How do artists decide what to draw? Explore works in the Museum's collections while trying to decide how the artists made the choices that they did.

Activity: Make and decorate your own sketchbook. Afterwards, use your viewfinder to help you decide what to sketch.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Identity: Portraits**

Learn about portrait and self-portrait paintings while thinking about what facial expressions, clothing, and background can communicate about a person's social status and personality.

Activity: Create your own self-portrait painting using canvas, acrylic paint, and mirrors.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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### **Re-Mix**

Switch up the art-making process! What happens when other people help you create art?

Activity: Create an abstract drawing on paper using geometric designs and patterns. Switch with a classmate, and cut and rearrange into a new drawing or sculpture.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## September 29, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM

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### **My Family**

Explore the Museum's galleries to find family portraits. What makes a family?

Activity: Draw family members and add them to your own family tree sculpture.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **How Did This Stuff Get Into the Museum?**

What is a curator? Learn about what they do and how they decide what to put in each of the Museum's galleries while taking a closer look at some of the behind-the-scenes galleries.

Activity: Create your own diorama of a gallery, complete with miniature art, and choose which works of art to include on the walls.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Identity: Homes and Interiors**

Explore the period rooms in the Museum while thinking about what makes a home.

Activity: Make a small "house" structure using sticky cardboard strips, colorful cellophane, and other mixed media.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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### **Contemporary Craft**

Discover how artists engage with and reinterpret traditional methods of design, craft, and art.

Activity: Create a contemporary embroidery design using embroidery floss, plain and patterned fabric, and felt.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## October 6, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM

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### **Exploring Shapes**

Circles, squares, and triangles! Look for simple geometric shapes in artwork throughout the Museum's galleries.

Activity: Make 3D sculptures using paper shapes.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Assembling a Collection: Important Things and Important Meanings**

Learn about collections and what it means when things are collected together while exploring the Museum's galleries.

Activity: Make your own handmade cabinet of curiosity box with model magic treasures to store inside.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Identity: Travel**

Explore how artwork can be influenced by an artist's travels.

Activity: Create your own postcards with watercolors and watercolor pencils.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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### **Conservation Study**

Discover how conservation specialists preserve the Museum's art and artifacts.

Activity: Try to conserve broken ceramic figures—or put them into a new configuration—using epoxy putty and acrylic paint.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## October 13, 2017 – 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

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### **Patterns**

Take a closer look at patterns in textiles and designs found in artwork throughout the Museum's galleries.

Activity: Create your own patterns while weaving with ribbons.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **How are Mosaics Made?**

Discover what a mosaic is and how it's made while taking a closer look at some of the mosaics on view in the Museum's galleries.

Activity: Design and create a mosaic of your own using ceramic tiles.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Celebration and Ritual: Food and Spice**

Explore images of food and spice found in paintings and sculptures in the Museum's galleries.

How do food and spice play a part in world travel?

Activity: Practice drawing a still life using charcoal and paper.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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### **Color Theory: Abstract Expressionism**

Learn how artists have applied color theory to Abstract Expressionism.

Activity: Explore color field painting on unprimed canvas using the soak–stain technique with acrylics and natural dyes.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## **October 20, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

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### **Exploring the Color Wheel**

What colors are on the color wheel? Discover some of the ways that artists have used colors to make paintings and sculptures on view in the Museum's galleries.

Activity: Shaving cream paper marbling

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Designing in Red and Black: Greek Amphorae**

Take a closer look at Greek Amphorae in the Museum's collections while learning what they are, what they represent, and how they were made.

Activity: Create your own sgraffito tile by rolling out slabs of terracotta clay, and using black paint and carving techniques to create designs inspired by the art seen on the tour.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Celebration and Ritual: Ancient Ceremonies and Rituals**

Learn how some of the ancient traditions connect to things that we still do today while taking a look at some of the Museum's most ornate objects from ancient times.

Activity: Make a "power figure" using clay, metal, wire, and decorative embellishments.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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Teens

### **Revelry**

Learn how moments of celebration are aided by art objects and depicted in works of art.

Activity: Have fun making art together while playing telephone pictionary!

Instructor: Philana Brown

## **October 27, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

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### **Balance**

How do you make something balance? Explore the galleries to find sculptures that balance.

Activity: Making sculptures that balance using recycled linoleum, wire, and wood pieces.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Ancient Egyptian Architecture: Building the Pyramids**

Discover how ancient Egyptians created pyramids and other structures while exploring the Museum's ancient Egyptian galleries.

Activity: Build a model of a pyramid using cardboard, glue and sand

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Celebration and Ritual: Masks**

Learn about masks and some of the different ways that they're used while taking a closer look at some of the masks on view in the Museum's galleries.

Activity: Create a mask using cardboard, oil pastels, recycled materials, and mixed media

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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### **People and the Planet**

Learn how some artists have depicted the complicated relationship between people and the planet.

Activity: Using the cyanotype photographic process, layer plastic bags, bottles, and other refuse to create a print on Sun Paper.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## **November 3, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

Ages 3–5

### **World Music**

Take a look at some of the different instruments in the Museum's galleries, including paintings that feature women playing guitars.

Activity: Design and decorate our own life size guitar shape using recycled materials

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Quilts: Pieced Together**

Learn all about how quilts are made and what the patterns and designs tell us about the people who made them while exploring quilts from the Museum's collections.

Activity: Design a portion of a quilt using fabric, glue and cardboard.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Celebration and Ritual: Art of Celebration**

Explore how different cultures celebrate festivals, holidays, and parties that commemorate special occasions.

Activity: Create sand art inspired by Indian Rangoli using colorful sand, paper, and glue.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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### **Collaboration**

Discover how artists collaborate with scholars, designers, and leading thinkers while creating their work.

Activity: Collaborate in the creation of a mural using painter's tape in different colors to create a giant wall drawing.

Instructor: Philana Brown



## November 17, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Ages 3–5

### **Food in Art**

Who's hungry? Explore the galleries in search of still life paintings featuring food, and take a look at some decorative plates and bowls.

Activity: Make a sandwich collage using mixed media

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Basket Weaving**

Learn how baskets are made, what they're used for, and who might have used them while taking a closer look at examples from the Museum's collections.

Activity: Weave our own baskets.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Celebration and Ritual: Burial Art**

Learn about burial rituals of different cultures while thinking about how each ended up in an art museum. Think about different belief systems and aesthetics while looking at examples of art from philosophy, religion, mythology, and fiction.

Activity: Create an object that you would take with you to the afterlife using clay, colorful rocks, small tiles, and shells.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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### **Black and White**

Experience a world without color and discover how the absence of color impacts an artist's work.

Activity: Create gestural black and white paintings with sumi ink on paper.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## **December 1, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

Ages 3–5

### **Looking at the Sky**

Take a closer look at big skies and clouds found in artwork throughout the Museum, and discover what the sky looks like at different times of the day.

Activity: Make your own watercolor landscape with crayon resist clouds.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Making Things Move**

Explore the galleries to find artwork that is made from more than one part and imagine what it might look like in motion.

Activity: Make puppets with different moving parts

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Animals in Art**

Search for animals in the Museum's collections while thinking about the different meanings and symbols that different cultures might have attributed to them.

Activity: Create an animal form by shaping, embossing and decorating metal with colorful permanent markers, scissors, pencils, glue, and embossing tools.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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Teens

### **Curatorial Study**

Observe how curators and designers create an experience within the Museum.

Activity: Curate your own show on a topic or theme of your choice using images from the Museum's collections and architectural model making supplies such as artificial grass, wire, clay, and wood.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## **December 8, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

Ages 3–5

### **Art about the Sun and Moon**

Take a closer look at artwork featuring the sun and moon.

Activity: Paint your own big yellow sun

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Stained Glass**

Learn about the art of stained glass. Discover how it is made and think about why artists might choose to make pictures out of glass instead of another material.

Activity: Create your own version of stained glass art using alternative materials such as colorful cellophane

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Creatures of the Sea**

Explore the galleries to find paintings and sculptures featuring big and small creatures that swim.

Activity: Design, sew, and stuff a plush fish using colorful felt, embroidery thread, and buttons.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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Teens

### **Patterns and Designs**

Explore how symbolic imagery and mathematical formulas influence pattern and design.

Activity: Create a shape through linoleum block carving and use it to create a repeated pattern with fabric paint on a tea cloth.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## **December 15, 2017 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

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### **Winter Weather**

Explore paintings that showcase winter weather and activities in New England.

Activity: Make icicle ornaments using glitter and Model Magic.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Jewelry and Armor**

Walk through the Museum's galleries in search of some amazing and sparkling examples of jewelry and armor. Is armor different than jewelry?

Activity: Make and decorate arm cuffs using recycled materials.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Things with Wings**

Think about the different subjects, textures, patterns, and materials that are used to describe and portray birds and insects in art. Take a closer look at artwork featuring birds and insects while discussing each piece's artistic significance and symbolism.

Activity: Create miniature stretched wings using art wire, nylon, and mixed media.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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Teens

### **Portraits**

Discover what you can learn about the subject of a portrait through how they are represented while thinking about who portraiture conventions have changed through time.

Activity: Draw portraits of classmates on foam using the blind contour method. Then make ink prints from the impression. Each student takes home multiple portraits of themselves drawn by different classmates.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## January 5, 2018 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Ages 3–5

### **Dance!**

Explore the Museum to find paintings and sculptures that show people dancing.

Activity: Make a dancing puppet with, colorful paper, brads and simple shapes.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Printmaking: Winter Animals that Live in the Snow**

Take a closer look at the different examples of printmaking found in the Follow the North Star exhibition and discuss why these artists chose to make pictures of animals.

Activity: Draw a picture of your favorite animal and make a reductive print using foam, ink, and paper.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Fantastic Beasts**

Search the Museum's galleries to find a collection of hiding fantastic beasts.

Activity: Sculpt your own imaginary fantastic creature out of self-drying clay.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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Teens

### **Text Art 1: Early Writing**

Explore the use of letters and icons in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, Japanese characters, and Mayan record keeping.

Activity: Generate your own symbol to communicate an idea pictographically. Carve a relief sculpture of your pictograph out of clay in the shape of a tile.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## **January 12, 2018 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

Ages 3–5

### **Toys in Art**

Journey through the Museum to find artwork featuring children and toys.

Activity: Make a toy car out of a variety of recycled materials.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Hey, That's Mine! Sumerian Seals**

Take a closer look at ancient Sumerian seals. Discover how they were made, how they were used, and think about why it was important for the ancient Sumerians to make seals identifying themselves.

Activity: Make a stamp that identifies you and practice using it.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Musical Instruments**

Discover musical instruments from different cultures and time periods while exploring some of the Museum's galleries.

Activity: Make a drum using a round container, vinyl fabric, string, decorative tape, and paper.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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### **Buddhist Art**

Learn about the artistic practices that are influenced by Buddhism.

Activity: Meditative coloring: Mandalas

Instructor: Philana Brown

## **January 19, 2018 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

Ages 3–5

### **Flying**

Take a closer look at paintings and sculptures that have people who seem to be flying or who have wings.

Activity: Create and decorate your own wings.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Myths and Made Up Stories**

What is a myth? Discover myths and stories while exploring artwork in the Museum's collections.

Activity: Create a painting of a mythological creature using watercolor and crayon resist and collage elements to make it come "alive."

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Dance and Movement**

Explore how artists can create the illusion of movement, or incorporate actual movement in their art.

Activity: Create a stop-motion animation using an iPad, paper, drawing materials, and Model Magic.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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Teens

### **Art and Humor**

Discover how artists use humor in their work while thinking about how humor can help engage audiences, address sensitive subjects, or just make us laugh.

Activity: Create a collage that uses humor to make a point. Cut out imagery from magazines and books and recombine to add a layer of humor.

Instructor: Philana Brown

## **January 26, 2018 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

Ages 3–5

### **Masks around the World**

Take a closer look at masks from different cultures and time periods and discover some of the reasons why people wear masks.

Activity: Design and decorate your own paper mask.

Instructor: Kara Stokowski

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Ages 6–8

### **Wearing our Laurels**

Take a closer look at how people have been portrayed in artwork to discover clues that can tell us more about who these people were and what they might have been like in real life.

Activity: Make a wearable laurel wreath for celebrations using paper and artificial leaves.

Instructor: Sarah Pollman

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Ages 9–11

### **Puppetry**

Discover how artists create characters through facial expression, posture and clothing.

Activity: Create hand and stick puppets using Model Magic, wooden dowels, and mixed media.

Instructor: Barrett Grizzard

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Teens

### **Impressionism**

Learn about the style and context of the Impressionist movement.

Activity: Create a painting that focuses on light and movement using watercolor on vellum.

Instructor: Philana Brown