

Art Adventure News



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Something for Everyone: 'The Louvre and the Masterpiece'

What defines a masterpiece? As parents, you encourage your children's creativity, whether in art, sports, writing, performing arts, music, science, or playtime. But how do you and/or your children decide what to hang on the refrigerator to display as their great "masterpiece?"

This fall, the MIA presents "The Louvre and the Masterpiece," a special exhibition that examines how the definition of masterpiece has changed over time. Opening October 18, this exhibition features works spanning 4,000 years from all eight of the Louvre's departments, including paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, and drawings. It features works by Johannes Vermeer, Antoine-Louis Barye, Georges de La Tour, Michelangelo, and Leonardo da Vinci, and showcases objects from Egypt, Turkey, Mesopotamia, Pompeii, Crete, and from other areas around the world. This is a ticketed exhibition; free for members! For more information, visit www.artsmia.org/louvre.

October 18, 2009–January 10, 2010

Target Gallery

Ticketed exhibition (FREE for members!)

"The Louvre and the Masterpiece" is presented in association with *Louvre Atlanta*, a collaboration between the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, and Musée du Louvre, Paris.

Support for educational outreach during "The Louvre and the Masterpiece" is provided in part by:



COLLECTION CONNECTIONS

Connecting Art Adventure to Upcoming Special Exhibitions

"The Night Sky in the Age of Vermeer: The Astronomer in Context"

August 8, 2009–January 31, 2010

Gallery 344, free

Examine prints, books, scientific instruments, and other objects of a 17th century astronomer based on Vermeer's painting, *The Astronomer*.

"iAfrica: Connecting with Sub-Saharan Art"

October 3, 2009–April 5, 2010

Cargill Gallery 103, free

This exhibition experiments with different ways of displaying African art from the permanent collection. A crucial part of this exhibition is the viewers' reactions, comments, criticism, and suggestions.

Art Adventure in the Spotlight

Cultural Reflections in Art: *Nkisi Nkonde* (Kongo/Democratic Republic of Congo)

Art Adventure Associations

Amazing Animals in Art: *Leopard* (Benin/Nigeria)
Family, Friends, and Foes: *Memorial Screen* (Ijo/Nigeria)

How People Lived: *Sande Society Mask* (Mende/Sierra Leone)

Dressed for the Occasion: *Crown* (Yoruba/Nigeria)

Let's Celebrate Life: *Plank Mask* (Bwa/Burkina Faso)

People and Their Environments: *Kpele Kpele Mask* (Baule, Goli Society/Cote D'Ivoire)

Sources of Strength: *Stool*

(Chokwe/Democratic Republic of Congo)

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"Art of the Northern Plains"

December 5, 2009–March 7, 2010

Galleries 255 & 256, free

This exhibition will explore the art and culture of the A'ainin (Gros Ventre) and the Nakoda (Assiniboine) people.

Art Adventure in the Spotlight

Sources of Strength: *Shirt* (A'ainin/Nakoda)

Art Adventure Associations: Plains Region Art

American Art Sampler: *Scenes of Plains Indian Life* (Cadzi Cody)

Dressed for the Occasion: *Cape* (Anishinabel/Woodlands region)

Let's Celebrate Life: *Dress* (Lakota/Central Plains region)

For details on these upcoming exhibitions, visit www.artsmia.org > Exhibitions.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

November 27, 2009–January 3, 2010

Period Rooms and Purcell-Cutts House, free

Decorated period rooms and costumed-docent tours give viewers a sense of tradition unique to each space and setting. Both *American Art Sampler* and *People and Their Environments* utilize period rooms in their sets (The Connecticut Room and the Tudor Room, respectively) but the Holiday Tradition ties into a number of other Art Adventure themes: *Let's Celebrate Life*, *How People Lived*, *Cultural Reflections in Art*, and *Dressed for the Occasion*.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Along with in-gallery discussions, professional art educators design challenging studio activities to develop basic art skills and offer individualized instructions for students at all levels. Classes and workshops are open for students age 4 to 16. Selected works by young artists are displayed in Gallery 110.

For more information on youth programs, visit www.artsmia.org > Calendar and Events > Youth and Family Programs. Or call (612) 870-3131.

Scholarships are available; for details, call (612) 870-3202.

TARGET FAMILY DAY

Take advantage of free monthly events for families, featuring hands-on art activities, treasure hunts, and other fun arts-related programs, on the second Sunday of each Month from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Upcoming Target Family Days:

Sunday, September 13: It's Elemental

Sunday, October 11: Open & Closed

Sunday, November 8: Art Smart

Sunday, December 13: The Night Sky

For details, visit www.artsmia.org > Calendar of Events > Target Family Days.

VOLUNTEER WEB SITE

Volunteers, don't forget about the recently updated Art Adventure Volunteer Web site, www.artadventureprogram.org. Developed just for you, it's a great place to connect with other volunteers, gather activity ideas, share presentation strategies, ask questions, and celebrate your successes.

ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS!

Have an Art Adventure story from your child's school that you would like to share or have highlighted in the Art Adventure newsletter? If so, please contact us at artadventure@artsmia.org

EVENT: SHARE YOUR SMARTS A Special Night for Art Adventure Families

Mark your calendars for an evening specifically dedicated to Art Adventure: **Thursday, February 4** and **Thursday, May 6**, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. These evenings will include Art Adventure guided tours, scavenger hunts, sketching in the galleries, hands-on Art Cart experiences, and a door-prize drawing. Free; no registration required.

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