

The Museum of Modern Art

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PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS OFFERED BY THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

The Department of Education at The Museum of Modern Art is sponsoring a Parent/Child Workshop to introduce parents to learning techniques to enhance their children's visits to art museums. The two-part workshop begins on Thursday, January 30, 1986, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a session exclusively for parents. In the second session, which follows on Saturday, February 1, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., children between the ages of four and ten join their parents.

The first session is conducted by a Museum educator and an early childhood education specialist who present parents with appropriate vocabulary for guiding children's processes of looking and discussion of their intellectual development. The workshop also covers strategies for questioning and conducting dialogs as well as for encouraging children's inquiry and thoughtful interpretation of modern art.

The second session allows parents to implement these strategies since most of the time is spent in the Museum's galleries when they are closed to the public. After a brief demonstration of how to talk with children about art, this session consists of parent-child interaction. Workshop staff are available for consultation as they observe. At the conclusion, a short evaluation is held for participants, and handouts are distributed summarizing the contents of the workshop along with ten postcard reproductions reminding children of the art that they have examined during the workshop.

The fee for the workshops is \$40. To register, contact Melissa Coley, Department of Education (212)708-9781.

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