

The Museum of Modern Art

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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART EXPANDS FAMILY PROGRAMS

This fall, The Museum of Modern Art is expanding its Saturday-morning programs for families with children ages five to ten. In addition to the continuing Parent/Child Workshops and Family Hours, the Museum is introducing a new program, Family Film Series, featuring independent classic films for young viewers. The schedule is attached.

Family Film Series

Intended to introduce films as an art form to young audiences, this eight-part series presents forty-five short film classics, most of them not shown commercially. The selection emphasizes artistic merit and the needs and interests of children and presents a range of subjects and multi-ethnic characters. The programs are designed to help children develop a more critical eye for viewing television and movies. Examples include *The Princess and the Pea*, *Worm Dances*, *Whazzat?*, *The Case of the Elevator Duck*, *Russian Rooster*, *Tchou, Tchou*, and *A Little Girl and A Gunny Wolf*.

Program notes with helpful guides to viewing and suggestions for related activities are distributed at each event. Films are shown Saturdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Roy and Niuta Titus Theater 1. Admission is \$5.00 per family. Adults must be accompanied by children.

Parent/Child Workshops

These two-part workshops introduce methods for parents and their children to look at works of art. The first session, for adults, introduces questioning methods, useful vocabulary for talking about art, and various activities for adults and children. At the second meeting, staff members guide adults and children through the galleries during nonpublic hours. Participants receive written guides, postcards with helpful questions, and a copy of *How To Show Grown-Ups the Museum*, a guide to selected paintings in the collection by Philip Yenawine, director of the Museum's Department of Education.

The Parent/Child Workshops take place on Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in The Edward John Noble Education Center at 18 West 54 Street. Family passes are given for a free return visit to the

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Museum during public hours. The program costs \$40 per adult/child pair. Preregistration is required.

Family Hours

Families can participate in informal gallery walks through the collection before the Museum opens to the public. Each Saturday a different theme is explored, such as *City and Country*, *The Imaginary Zoo*, *Figure It Out*, and *Pictures of People*, as well as *Quick and Sharp*, in the Photography galleries, *In Open Air*, in the Sculpture Garden, and *Brand New*, in the contemporary galleries. Families receive worksheets suggesting follow-up activities, including art projects for children, and family passes good for a free return visit to the Museum during public hours.

Families meet in The Edward John Noble Education Center, at 18 West 54 Street, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Admission is \$5.00 per family, and preregistration is recommended.

For more information, or to preregister, call the Museum's Department of Education, 212/708-9795. For additional press information, call the Department of Public Information, 212/708-9750.

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SCHEDULE OF FAMILY PROGRAMS

October

- 4 and 6 Parent/Child Workshop
- 6 Family Hours The Moving Image
- 13 Family Hours A Space to Enter
- 20 Family Hours Sound, Taste and Touch
- Family Film Series Uncommon Animation/Unusual Characters
- 27 Family Hours Pictures of People
Dreamscapes
- Family Film Series Puzzling Predicaments

November

- 1 and 3 Parent/Child Workshop
- 3 Family Hours Naming Things
Moving Lines in Color
- Family Film Series Suspense Classics
- 10 Family Hours Shapes in Color
Objects of Our Desire
- Family Film Series Illuminating Documentaries
- 17 Family Hours A Measure of Myself
Brand New
- Family Film Series Films on Filmmaking

December

- 1 Family Hours Pictures of People
What Happens Next?
- Family Film Series Hair-raising Adventures
- 6 and 8 Parent/Child Workshop
- 8 Family Hours Moving Colors
Country and City
- Family Film Series Innovative Documentaries