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ART + IDEAS

School Programs Guide 2023-2024



FREE Student Tours + FREE Bus Reimbursement

SCHOOL GROUP VISITS SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE ARE FREE!

Schedule a docent-guided tour for a fun and enriching experience with works of art at WAM. While working in small groups, students will be encouraged to look closely, think deeply, and engage in lively conversation. Students will exercise their critical and creative thinking skills as they encounter diverse ideas throughout the history of American art and participate in active learning activities.

Docent-guided school tours include the permanent collection and temporary exhibitions and can be customized to meet your students' needs. Teachers are also welcome to schedule self-guided visits.

Scheduling online is easy! Visit wam.org/learn for complete details about booking your visit, bus reimbursement instructions, and online resources for teachers.

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Programs for Teachers

Evening for Educators

Friday, October 13 | 5-7 pm

FREE, advance registration required

Mix and mingle with other K-12 teachers, learn about what's new at WAM, and enjoy free admission to see the fall temporary exhibitions.

Teacher Workshop: *Fighters for Freedom: William H. Johnson Picturing Justice*

Saturday, October 21 | 9 am-Noon

\$15 for General Public • \$10 for WAM members

Space is limited. Advance registration required.

Join WAM staff before public hours to learn about American history through the lens of William H. Johnson's series of paintings celebrating African American leaders, followed by a hands-on, classroom-ready art making activity.

Top: William H. Johnson, *Three Great Abolitionists: A. Lincoln, F. Douglass, J. Brown*, about 1945. Oil on paperboard, 37 3/8 x 34 1/4 inches. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C. Gift of the Harmon Foundation Bridge

Middle: Barbara Earl Thomas, *Girl and the World*, 2022. Paper cut with hand-printed color, 41 1/4 x 26 1/2 inches. Courtesy of Claire Oliver Gallery NYC and the artist. Photography by Spike Mafford/Zocalo Studios

Bottom: Margaretta Angelica Peale, *Strawberries and Cherries*, about 1813-1830. Oil on canvas, 10 1/16 x 12 1/8 inches. Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia. Source unknown, 1924.11



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Temporary Exhibitions

Fighters for Freedom: William H. Johnson Picturing Justice features work by American modernist William H. Johnson, whose 1940s-era series was painted to celebrate African American leaders. This exhibition is organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., Generous support for this project is provided by

Art Bridges.

October 8, 2023 – January 14, 2024

Barbara Earl Thomas: The Illuminated Body features this Seattle-based artist, a talented, visual storyteller who has drawn from history, literature, folklore mythology, and biblical stories over her 40-year career to reflect the social fabric of our times. This exhibition is organized by the Chrysler Museum of Art.

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Making American Artists: Stories from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, 1776-1976 will present over 100 of the most acclaimed and recognizable works of American art, which have played a demonstrable role in shaping conversations about the nation's history and identity. The exhibition is organized by the American Federation of Arts.

January 28 – April 21, 2024



Explore, look, and take part in art together during FREE Family ArtVentures, featuring special gallery activities and hands-on artmaking projects that bring the art to life for the whole family.

OCTOBER 14, 2023 • DECEMBER 2, 2023
MARCH 3, 2024 • APRIL 27, 2024

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