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PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES OFFERED AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Beginning this fall, The Museum of Modern Art presents two programs for children ages five to ten, a new FAMILY HOURS series of gallery walk-throughs and the continuing, popular series of PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS.

FAMILY HOURS

On Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., when the Museum is closed to the public, parents and children can participate in informal gallery walk-throughs of the Museum's collection. Each week a different theme is introduced, including the still life, abstraction, portraiture, and landscape. Special tours, games, and activities are designed to involve children with the art.

Family Hours are scheduled for the fall/winter season on: October 14, 21, and 28; November 11; January 20 and 27; and February 10 and 17. Admission is \$5.00 per family and preregistration is recommended. Call the Department of Education, 212/708-9795, for more information.

PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS

The two-part workshops, conducted by members of the Department of Education, are designed to enhance children's appreciation of modern art and to help adults--parents, grandparents, or others--learn how to enjoy the Museum with their children. The first session, for adults, introduces questioning methods, useful vocabulary, and activities for viewing and discussing art. The second, held with the children in the galleries during nonpublic hours, guides adults in practicing these techniques. Participants receive written guides, including How to Show Grown-Ups the Museum, a book by Philip Yenawine, director of Education. Refreshments are provided.

The fall 1989 schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, October 5, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. (adults only)
- Saturday, October 7, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (adults and children)

- Thursday, November 2, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. (adults only)
- Saturday, November 4, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (adults and children)

Thursday, January 11, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. (adults only)
Saturday, January 13, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (adults and children)

Thursday, February 1, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. (adults only)
Saturday, February 3, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (adults and children)

The fee is \$40. A limited number of scholarships are available upon request. To register, send payment and child's name and age with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Department of Education, The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street. Written confirmations will be mailed. For further information, call 212/708-9795.

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