

The Museum of Modern Art

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NEW SEASON OF FAMILY PROGRAMS BEGINS AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART Saturdays, October 4–December 13 (except November 29)

On October 4, 1997, The Museum of Modern Art begins its fall season of Saturday-morning family programs for children ages five to ten accompanied by an adult. Designed for participation by the entire family, the fall series continues through December 13 (with the exception of November 29). The programs include **Gallery Talks** and **Tours for Tots**, which are offered during the Museum's nonpublic hours, and **Family Films**. For a detailed schedule information call 212/708-9805.

GALLERY TALKS

For children ages five to ten and their adult companions.

"One-at-a-Time" Saturdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Guided walks through the Museum's galleries introduce participants to the diverse world of modern art. Admission is \$5 per family, members \$3. No preregistration. Sign-in begins at 9:45 a.m. at the Museum's Edward John Noble Education Center, 18 West 54 Street.

- October 4 *Strike a Pose! The Sculpture Garden*
- October 11 *Think Ink! The Art of Printmaking*
- October 18 *Wake Up! It's Only a Dream!*
- October 25 *Funky Furniture: Architecture and Design*
- November 1 *Picture This! The Art of Photography*
- November 8 *Music to My Eyes: Matisse and More*
- November 15 *City Sights*
- November 22 *Don't Eat It! Food in Art*
- December 6 *Investigate a Mystery: Painting and Photography*
- December 13 *Who Am I? Portraits in Art*

"Two-in-a-Row" Saturdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Gallery talks on two consecutive Saturday mornings teach participants to look at and talk about art in the Museum's galleries. Interactive activities engage the entire family in discussion. Admission is \$15 per family, members \$10. Preregistration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Enter through the Museum's Edward John Noble Education Center, 18 West 54 Street.

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- October 11 and 18 *Goopy Glorious Paint! Abstract Art.* Discover how artists such as Willem de Kooning, Henri Matisse, Robert Rauschenberg, and others tell stories with paint.
- November 15 and 22 *Crazy about Construction.* Explore the fantastic faces, crazy creatures, and playful furniture artists build from everyday objects and found materials.

TOURS FOR TOTS

Saturdays, 10:00–10:45 a.m.

Gallery activities designed for four-year-olds introduce preschool children and their adult companions to painting and sculpture. Admission is \$5 per family per session, members \$3. Preregistration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Enter through the Museum's Edward John Noble Education Center, 18 West 54 Street.

- October 4 Themes to be announced.
 October 25
 November 22

FAMILY FILMS

Saturdays, 12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.

For children ages five to ten and their adult companions. The perfect antidote for TV blues, these classic film shorts vary from live action to animation and from documentary to fantasy. Members of MoMA staff introduce films, encourage discussion, and suggest follow-up activities in the Museum's galleries. Admission is \$5 per family, members free. Tickets are available at the Lobby Information Desk.

Following is a partial list of films in the program.

- October 25 *Animal Safari.* Films include "Alligators All Around" by Maurice Sendak and "Jungle Juveniles" by John A. Haeseler
- November 1 *Become a Detective! Movie Mysteries.* Films include "Field Report 27/3ES/025" by Barbara Wilk and "Number Two" by Kim Singhrs
- November 8 *Take a Bite! Films about Food.* Films include "Lady Fishbourne's Complete Guide to Better Table Manners" by Janet Perlman and "Peanut Butter & Jelly" by Eli Noyes
- November 15 *City Rhythms.* Films include "Daybreak Express" by D.A. Pennebaker and "Taxi" by Roland Stutz

**ART SAFARI: AN ADVENTURE IN LOOKING FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS
AT THE MUSUM OF MODERN ART BY JOYCE RAIMONDO**

This book invites families to explore together the Museum's painting and sculpture collection either at the Museum or at home. Children discover lions, monkeys, goats, cats, dogs, and other creatures in works by Pablo Picasso, Henri Rousseau, and many more artists. Recommended for children ages five to twelve, *Art Safari* teaches families how to look and talk about art. Suggested at-home activities extend your adventure beyond the Museum..

Special family packages: For \$11.50, receive a copy of *Art Safari* and Museum admission for one adult and up to four children ages five to twelve. Admission for each additional adult is \$8.50.

Art Safari is also sold separately for \$5.95 in The MoMA Book Store or through mail order at 212/708-9888.

**BOOK SIGNING Saturday, September 20, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
as part of "New York Is Book Country"**

Meet author Joyce Raimondo and have your copy of *Art Safari* autographed. Museum staff will lead families on special art safari tours in the Museum galleries. Enter the Museum at 11 West 53 Street. R.S.V.P. to 212/708-9805.

COMMUNITY GROUP VISITS FOR FAMILIES

Community groups are invited to attend *Art Safari* guided tours about animals in art on Saturdays from 10:15–11:15 a.m.

Admission is \$25 per group (a maximum of 25 participants per group). Preregistration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For schedule information, call 212/708-9805.

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The public can obtain information about Family Programs by calling 212/708–9805.

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