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Brooklyn Museum of Art Presents Free Family Programs in September and October

During September and October the BMA is offering a variety of family events, including hands-on art-making projects and storytelling. These programs are free with Museum admission, which is a suggested donation of \$6 for adults; \$3 for older adults and students with valid I.D., and free for Members and children under 12 accompanied by an adult.

Stories & Art features storytellers, authors, and educators telling tales inspired by the Museum's collections on Saturdays at 4 p.m. On September 6, Devorah Block presents tales of Oceania that describe how the world came to be. On September 13, Alice Stevenson shares classic and new stories of distinctive bovines, including a famous flower-smelling bull. On September 20, *New York Is Book Country* will be celebrated through the classic Asian tale *Seven Blind Men and an Elephant*, followed by an art-making project in which participants can make an Asian-style scroll. September 27 features stories from faraway places, real and magical, presented by Susan McCullough. On October 4, Bruce Degen, illustrator of the popular *The Magic School Bus* series, presents his new book *Ms. Frizzle's Adventures: Ancient Egypt*, with a reading and book signing. On October 11, Jennifer Song presents Brooklyn stories in front of Georgia O'Keeffe's painting *Brooklyn Bridge*. On October 18, visitors will explore the exhibition *American Identities* through special viewfinders after hearing stories told from different points of view. On October 25, Jessica Sack presents adventure stories that take place on farms. *Stories & Art* will be sign-language-interpreted on September 20 and October 4.

Arty Facts, the popular family program for children ages four to seven and their adult companions, combines looking at art with family time and a studio project. Each weekend day in October features a new program around the theme of

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Bodies and Faces, in which participants find faces in all sorts of places--looking at people, animals, expressions, and body language.

Arty Facts begins in the Grand Lobby on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please do not bring siblings younger than four or older than seven. There will be no Arty Facts in September. Arty Facts will be sign-language-interpreted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 26.

KIDS CALENDAR

Saturday, September 6

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** *Sun, Moon, Wind, Water* with Devorah Block

Saturday, September 13

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** *Tales of the Bull* with Alice Stevenson

Saturday, September 20

4 p.m. **Stories & Art** (*sign-language-interpreted*): *Seven Blind Men and an Elephant* with Alice Stevenson

Saturday, September 27

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** *Faraway Places* with Susan McCullough

Saturday, October 4

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** *Bodies and Faces*

4 p.m. **Stories & Art** (*sign-language-interpreted*): *Ms. Frizzle's Adventures: Ancient Egypt* with Bruce Degen

Sunday, October 5

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** *Bodies and Faces*

Saturday, October 11

11 a.m. (*sign-language-interpreted*) and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** *Bodies and Faces*

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** *Brooklyn Stories* with Jennifer Song

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Sunday, October 12

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts: Bodies and Faces*

Saturday, October 18

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts: Bodies and Faces*

4 p.m. *Stories & Art: Points of View* with Janet Lo

Sunday, October 19

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts: Bodies and Faces*

Saturday, October 25

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts: Bodies and Faces*

4 p.m. *Stories & Art: Life on the Farm* with Jessica Sack

Sunday, October 26

11 a.m. (sign-language-interpreted) and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts: Bodies and Faces*

Please note: Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free with Museum admission. For program locations, pick up a copy of the weekly events sheet at the Admissions Desk or consult the program signs in the Grand Lobby. Programs are subject to change; call (718) 638-5000 and press 1 and then 5 for up-to-date information.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Admission:

Contribution \$6; students with valid I.D. and older adults \$3. Free to Members and children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Group tours or visits must be arranged in advance by calling extension 234.

Directions:

Subway: Seventh Avenue express (2 or 3) to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum stop; Lexington Avenue express (4 or 5) to Nevins Street, cross platform and transfer to the 2 or 3. **Bus:** B71, B41, B69, B48. On-site parking available.

Museum Hours:

Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; First Saturday of each month, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; all other Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.