

News Release
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Brrrrrr-ing the Whole Family!
Brooklyn Museum of Art Presents Free Family Programs for
January/February 2004

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You can feel it in the air—winter is here! So, come in out of the cold and enjoy a variety of fun family events at the Brooklyn Museum of Art during January and February, including hands-on art making, storytelling, and a special one-day Chinese calligraphy workshop. Most programs are free with Museum admission, which is a suggested contribution of \$6 for adults; and \$3 for students with valid I.D. and older adults; admission is free for Members and children under 12 accompanied by an adult.

Arty Facts, the popular family program for children ages four to seven and their adult friends, combines looking at art with family time and a studio project. Each weekend day in January features a different program based on the theme “Animals All Around.” February’s theme is “Patterns Are Everywhere.” *Arty Facts* meets by the double elevators on the first floor every Saturday and Sunday promptly at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please do not bring siblings younger than four or older than seven. *Sign-language interpretation will be offered at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 10; Sunday, January 25; Saturday, February 14; and Sunday, February 29.*

Stories & Art features storytellers, authors, and museum educators telling tales inspired by the Museum’s collections on Saturdays at 4 p.m. On January 3, explore new ways to think about winter and snow in paintings and stories. On January 10, the music-telling ensemble Tales & Scales returns by popular demand to present its version of Homer’s “Odyssey.” The January 17 program

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features Peter Reynolds reading from and signing his new picture book *The Dot*, about a young artist who discovers a new way to express herself. On January 24, discover how fairy tales are transformed when retold in a New York setting. Storyteller Ron Sopyla welcomes the Chinese New Year on January 31 with tales of monkeys. On February 7, to start Black History Month, illustrator Eric Velasquez reads from and signs his new book *Liberty Street*, the tale of a slave girl in Virginia who joins a secret school in order to learn how to read. Robbi Kumalo continues the celebration on February 14 by presenting the traditional Yoruba tale “How the Turtle Got Its Shell” through storytelling and percussion. The program on February 21 features tales about Anansi, the African trickster who gets himself in and out of sticky situations. On February 28, to close the month’s celebration, inspiring African American stories tell of the journey to freedom. *Sign-language interpretation will be offered at 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 31; and Saturday, February 14.*

In honor of the Chinese New Year, a special one-day Chinese calligraphy workshop will take place on Sunday, January 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. The workshop is for ages 16 and up, and materials cost \$1. Timed tickets may be picked up in the Education Gallery on the first floor.

KID’S CALENDAR

Saturday, January 3

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Animals All Around”

4 p.m. *Stories & Art*: “Prize in the Snow”

Sunday, January 4

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Animals All Around”

Saturday, January 10

11 a.m. (sign-language-interpreted) and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Animals All Around”

4 p.m. *Stories & Art*: “The Odyssey” with music-telling ensemble Tales and Scales

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Sunday, January 11

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Animals All Around”

Saturday, January 17

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Animals All Around”

4 p.m. *Stories & Art*: *The Dot* with author-illustrator Peter Reynolds

Sunday, January 18

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Animals All Around”

3–5 p.m. One-day Workshop: Chinese calligraphy, in honor of Chinese New Year. Workshop is for ages 16 and older and costs \$1 for materials; pick up timed tickets in the Education Gallery on the first floor.

Saturday, January 24

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Animals All Around”

4 p.m. *Stories & Art*: “Fairy Tales in New York” with Changa Bey

Sunday, January 25

11 a.m. (sign-language-interpreted) and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Animals All Around”

Saturday, January 31

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Animals All Around”

4 p.m. (sign-language-interpreted) *Stories & Art*: “Monkey Tales” with storyteller Ron Sopyla

Sunday, February 1

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Patterns Are Everywhere”

Saturday, February 7

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Patterns Are Everywhere”

4 p.m. *Stories & Art*: *Liberty Street* with illustrator Eric Velasquez

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Sunday, February 8

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Patterns Are Everywhere”

Saturday, February 14

11 a.m. (sign-language-interpreted) and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Patterns Are Everywhere”

4 p.m. (sign-language-interpreted) *Stories & Art*: “How the Turtle Got Its Shell” with Robbi Kumalo

Sunday, February 15

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Patterns Are Everywhere”

Saturday, February 21

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Patterns Are Everywhere”

4 p.m. *Stories & Art*: “Anansi Stories” with Changa Bey

Sunday, February 22

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Patterns Are Everywhere”

Saturday, February 28

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Patterns Are Everywhere”

4 p.m. *Stories & Art*: “Journey to Freedom” with Changa Bey

Sunday, February 29

11 a.m. (sign-language-interpreted) and 2 p.m. *Arty Facts*: “Patterns Are Everywhere”

BMA Family Programs are free with Museum admission unless otherwise noted. Programs are subject to change; please call (718) 638-5000 and press 1 and then 5 for up-to-date information. To be put on the Family Programs mailing list, call (718) 501-6931. To speak with an Education Division representative, call (718) 501-6230. For TTY call (718) 399-8440. Visit the BMA website at www.brooklynmuseum.org.

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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.