



December 2004

### **Brooklyn Museum Presents Free Family Programs in January and February**

The Brooklyn Museum will offer a variety of family events in January and February, including art-making projects and storytelling. These programs are free with Museum admission, which is a suggested donation of \$8 for adults, \$4 for older adults and students with valid I.D., and free for Members and for children under 12 who are accompanied by an adult.

On Saturdays at 4 p.m., **Stories & Art** features storytellers, authors, and educators telling tales inspired by the Museum's collections. (*There is no program on January 1 due to the holiday weekend*). On January 8, discover the power of the pen in stories about young artists who create drawings so vivid that they come to life. The January 15 program features storyteller and poet Joanna Featherstone presenting the poems of Phyllis Wheatley, Langston Hughes, and other African Americans in honor of the Romare Bearden exhibition and Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. On January 22, hear trickster tales from Asia about Rabbit, Basho the Fox, and other clever animals who get themselves in and out of sticky situations. Participants in the January 29 program will explore the beauty of the earth and its inhabitants through Native American stories. On February 5, Hong Kong-born author and painter Mingmei Yip presents selections from her new book of traditional Chinese stories, including "Chang-E," "The Eight Immortals," and "Guan Yin." A demonstration of the *qin*, the Chinese zither, accompanies the performance. A book signing follows the reading. Experience the beat of jazz on February 12 through narrative and music from the time of rent parties and be-bop. Feel the heat of summer on February 19 when Javaka Steptoe presents his book *Hot Day on Abbott Avenue*, about two young friends in the city who find a way to resolve their differences. A book signing follows the reading. The program on February 26 features storyteller Raouf Mama of Benin with narratives and poetry from one of the richest oral traditions in Africa, accompanied by music and dance. *Programs on January 15 and February 26 will be Sign Language interpreted.*

**Arty Facts**, the Museum's popular family program for children ages four to seven and their adult friends, combines looking at art with a studio project. Each weekend day in January features a new program based around the theme "Mix It Up," in which participants explore how artists combine materials, patterns, colors, and shapes. Each weekend day in February features a new program based around the theme "Where You Live," in which participants explore different homes, neighborhoods, and cultures through the art in the Museum. *Arty Facts* begins in the Museum Lobby promptly at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please do not bring younger or older siblings. There will be no program on January 1. *Arty Facts will be Sign Language interpreted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 8; Sunday, January 30; Saturday, February 12; and Sunday, February 27.*

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Family Programs are free with Museum admission unless otherwise noted. For program locations, pick up a copy of the weekly events sheet at the Visitor Center 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. To be put on the Family Programs mailing list, call (718) 501-6931. To speak with an Education Division representative, call (718) 501-6230 [TTY: (718) 399-8440]. Visit the Museum Web site at [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org).

## **Kid's Calendar**

### **Saturday, January 1**

MUSEUM CLOSED.

### **Sunday, January 2**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Mix It Up."

Admission is free on January 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. compliments of Target Stores.

### **Saturday, January 8**

11 a.m. (Sign Language-interpreted) and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Mix It Up."

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** "If Drawings Came to Life."

### **Sunday, January 9**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Mix It Up."

### **Saturday, January 15**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Mix It Up."

4 p.m. (Sign Language-interpreted) **Stories & Art:** "Hold Fast to Dreams" with Joanna Featherstone.

### **Sunday, January 16**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Mix It Up."

### **Saturday, January 22**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Mix It Up."

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** "Trickster Tales from Asia."

### **Sunday, January 23**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Mix It Up."

### **Saturday, January 29**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Mix It Up."

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** "Native American Stories."

**Sunday, January 30**

11 a.m. (Sign Language-interpreted) and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Mix It Up."

**Saturday, February 5**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Where You Live."

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** "Chinese Children's Favorite Stories" with Mingmei Yip.

**Sunday, February 6**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Where You Live."

**Saturday, February 12**

11 a.m. (Sign Language-interpreted) and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Where You Live."

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** "All That Jazz."

**Sunday, February 13**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Where You Live."

**Saturday, February 19**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Where You Live."

4 p.m. **Stories & Art:** *Hot Day on Abbott Avenue* with Javaka Steptoe

**Sunday, February 20**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Where You Live."

**Saturday, February 26**

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Where You Live."

4 p.m. (Sign Language-interpreted) **Stories & Art:** "Tales of Benin" with Raouf Mama.

**Sunday, February 27**

11 a.m. (Sign Language-interpreted) and 2 p.m. **Arty Facts:** "Where You Live."

**GENERAL INFORMATION****Admission:**

Contribution \$8; students with valid I.D. and older adults \$4. 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.