

Press Release



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Brooklyn Museum Offers Free Family Programs in April With Events and Special Exhibitions Ranging from Art-Making Classes To an Impressionist Landscape Exhibition

Arty Facts

Arty Facts, an art-making class for **children ages four to seven** with an adult companion, invites families to explore works of art, enjoy a family gallery activity, and make art in each ninety-minute class. In April, participants will discover how artists are inspired by traveling around the world and viewing different cities and countries as well as rivers and seas. After viewing art exhibitions like the newly opened **Gustave Caillebotte: Impressionist Paintings from Paris to the Sea**, the participants will make their own artwork inspired by landscapes, cityscapes, and waterscapes. *Arty Facts* takes place every **Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.** and offers a different program each day. *Arty Facts* is free with Museum admission. There will be no *Arty Facts* on April 12.

Target First Saturdays: Spring Awakening!

On Saturday, April 4, from 5 to 11 p.m., the Brooklyn Museum presents a free night of music, dance, and art-making classes in celebration of spring and the special exhibitions *Gustave Caillebotte: Impressionist Paintings from Paris to the Sea* and *Hernan Bas: Works from the Rubell Family Collection*. Highlights include a swing music performance by **The Blue Vipers** of Brooklyn; **Nicole Renaud**, a French singer, who will perform arias and accompany herself with her accordion in the galleries; and a Miami bass dance party hosted by DJ Michna.

Family-Friendly Special Exhibitions

Gustave Caillebotte: Impressionist Paintings from Paris to the Sea

March 27–July 5, 2009. *Impressionist Paintings from Paris to the Sea* is one of the first major showing of the artist's oeuvre in New York in over thirty years. In addition to the well-known Parisian cityscapes that have traditionally marked him as the "Urban Impressionist," Caillebotte painted scenes of outdoor life away from the city on the coast of Normandy and in the villages of Yerres and Petit Gennevilliers. The approximately forty paintings included in this focused thematic exhibition reveal Caillebotte's extraordinary passion for subjects in which water plays a central role.

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GENERAL INFORMATION**Admission:**

Contribution \$10; students with valid I.D. and older adults \$6. 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.