

Press Release



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Brooklyn Museum Offers Free Family Programs in December Holiday-Themed Events Range from Art-Making Classes to *Target First Saturdays*

This December, the Brooklyn Museum will present a wide array of inexpensive art-related activities for the whole family. Below is a partial schedule of family-friendly events and exhibitions. Families can also enjoy the Brooklyn Museum's world-renowned permanent collections and a newly opened special exhibition of ancient Egyptian sculpture, *Body Parts: Ancient Egyptian Fragments and Amulets*.

Family Programs December 2009:

Meet the Museum

Thursdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

In this new program for kids in strollers (eighteen months to three years), participants will sing songs, read stories, and explore the galleries. Their caregivers will also learn more about the artworks in the galleries through discussions with a museum educator. Along with the suggested Museum admission, there is a \$10 materials fee per caregiver and child. The materials fee is reduced to \$5 for Members at the Family and Friends level and waived for Members at the Contributor level and above. There will be no Meet the Museum on December 24 or 31.

Target First Saturdays: Light Up the Season

Saturday, December 5, 5–11 p.m.

The Brooklyn Museum presents a free night of music, dance, and art-making classes that celebrate the seasonal festivals of light from around the world. Highlights include a Caribbean jazz band from the Netherlands, a silent film by the first female film director, and a Brooklyn Soul Summit dance party that will make the floor as hot as summer.

Arty Facts: Patterns

Sundays, Meet in the Rubin Lobby at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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 gallery activity, and make art in each ninety-minute class. December's classes will focus on projects that involve colorful and intricate patterns. Please do not bring siblings older than seven or younger than four. Along with the suggested Museum admission, there is a materials fee

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of \$10 for families (up to four people). The fee is reduced to \$5 for Gallery/Studio families and Family and Friends Members and waived for Members at the Contributor level and above. There will be no *Arty Facts* on December 20 or 27.

Special Exhibition: *Body Parts: Ancient Egyptian Fragments and Amulets*

On view November 19, 2009, through October 2, 2011, *Body Parts* features thirty-five objects that represent individual body parts in ancient Egyptian art from the Brooklyn Museum's collection, many of which will be displayed for the first time. Highlights include a colossal marble foot that was created as a votive offering for the god Serapis and an eye cut from crystalline limestone and blue glass that was once part of an anthropoid (human-shaped) coffin.

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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.