

# Press Release



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## **Fall Programs for the Family Events Ranging from Art-Making Classes to *Target First Saturdays* at the Brooklyn Museum This September and October**

This fall, the Brooklyn Museum will present a wide array of inexpensive and exciting 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 such as the Egyptian art collection or the American art collection.

### ***Arty Facts* Explores Colors in October**

Sundays, 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 family gallery activity, and make art in each ninety-minute class. In October, participants will explore the galleries and then create an art project inspired by an artwork with vibrant color. Meet in the Rubin Lobby promptly on Sundays at 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Please do not bring siblings older than seven or younger than four. The prices for *Arty Facts* are as follows: \$10 for families (group of up to 4 people), \$5 for Gallery/Studio Families and Family and Friends Members, and free to Contributor and above Members.

***Arty Facts* will be on summer hiatus during September.**

### ***Target First Saturdays: Opera Unbound***

Saturday, October 3, from 5 to 11 p.m.

The October *Target First Saturday*, presented in collaboration with the Extremely Hungary festival, is an evening of music, dance, film, and interactive programs that turn the tradition of opera upside down. Highlights include Afro-Hungarian music ensemble Dallam-Dougou, Vertical Players Repertory in an adaptation of an Arthur Miller play; an orchestra reinvigorating the work of Hungarian composer Gabriel von Wayditch; an open mike featuring *Rent*'s Anika Larsen and members of Opera on Tap; an interactive cell-phone concert; and a psychedelic dance party with Brooklyn's DJ Reborn and a special Hungarian guest DJ.

**Please note: There will be no *Target First Saturdays* in September.**

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## **Family-Friendly Special Exhibition**

### ***Yinka Shonibare MBE***

Through September 20, 2009. This exhibition is a major midcareer survey of work by the London-based, artist Yinka Shonibare MBE. Shonibare's artwork explores contemporary African identity and its relationship to European colonialism through painting, sculpture, installation, and moving image. Shonibare is best known for his work with visual symbols, especially the richly patterned Dutch wax fabric, produced in Europe for a West African market, that he uses in a wide range of applications. His tableaux of headless mannequins costumed in this fabric evoke themes of history and its legacy for future generations. There will also be a site-specific installation created for this presentation featuring figures of small children and titled *Mother and Father Worked Hard So I Can Play* that will be on view in several of the Museum's period rooms.

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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.