

Welcome



to our **VIRTUAL Family Day!**

ChinaFest: Year of the Metal Ox

Sat, Feb 6, 2021 | Goes Live at 10 am | Free



Join us online as we celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year! Take part in virtual gallery explorations, vibrant performances, and both artist and cooking demonstrations. Join VMFA Educators as they guide you through different art activities to do at home, including constructing a metal ox ornament, making a red New Year envelope, and creating a folding fan. Learn more about the Chinese Lunar New Year and celebrate with us at our Virtual *ChinaFest: Year of the Metal Ox Family Day* event!

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Performances, Presentations & Demonstrations

Yu Dance Arts

RYSE Lion Dance at VCU

Kung Fu Presentations by Richmond Moy Yat

Sitan Taichi Presentation with Confucius Institute at Medgar Evers College, CUNY

Calligraphy Demonstration with the William & Mary Confucius Institute

A Journey to the Chinese New Year (Spring Festival) with Students from University of Richmond

Lantern-Making with 1708 Gallery

Cooking Demonstration with Alexander Tan

The Asian Valley Garden Tour with Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens

Explore more videos, performances, and presentations through the Rose Group and University of Richmond

Art Activities

Create a Chinese Paper Pellet Drum

Make a Round Folding Fan

Construct a Metal Ox Ornament

Fold a Lucky Money Envelope



Are you interested in winning a VMFA Family Membership?

Follow the instructions provided on the ChinaFest virtual event page! The survey will be open through midnight, **Mon, Feb 15.**

One winner will be selected and notified on Feb 16.





Virtual Gallery Activities

East Asian Gallery Preview

Explore VMFA's East Asian Galleries virtually and examine a work of art to learn more!

Write It! Learn Chinese Calligraphy

Calligraphy, or the art of writing, was historically considered the highest visual artform in China. Learn more by exploring this interactive resource.

Design It! Create Your Own Chinese Seal

First choose from a selection of icons inspired by VMFA's collection of Chinese art. Next, add your initials or monogram to your design. Finally, "carve" your seal. You can save it, print it, or share it through social media.

Unroll It! Explore Chinese Painting

There are a variety of formats used in traditional Chinese painting and calligraphy. Typically, these works are created by artists on sheets of paper or silk laid on a flat surface and then mounted onto similar material with water soluble glue. Because of their fragility, most of these works of art are intended only for occasional display. In this section, virtually unroll and view works of art that are too delicate to handle in reality.

Play It! Make Your Own Music

For thousands of years music has been an important part of Chinese culture, including religious and public ceremonies, scholarly pursuits, and entertainment. Bronze bells, called *zhong* in Chinese, were cast to produce two distinctly different tones. Hanging together from a wooden frame, the *zhong* were played by musicians in a seated or kneeling position striking the outside of each bell with a wooden mallet. In this section, make your own music in the style of ancient Chinese musicians. Touch virtual bells in the center and the side to hear two different sounds.

Tangram Puzzle: Horse & Warrior

Use the tangram puzzle template provided to create a Horse and Warrior figure and other designs!

Make a Faux Jade Sculpture

Jade is rare, comes in many different beautiful colors, and is very hard, making it difficult to carve. Because of these characteristics, it was one of the most highly prized materials of ancient China. Create your own sculpture using "faux" jade.

What Does Your Dragon Look Like?

Explore images and meanings of the Chinese dragon through writing exercises and art making. Use your imagination and create your own dragon!

Ancient Writing

Learn about the early writing systems of four ancient civilizations: Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, and Mesoamerica.

Explore More

Reading List

Discover China through children's books.

Accessing VMFA's Library

The Margaret R. and Robert M. Freeman Library of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts is the oldest and one of the most extensive art resources in Virginia, with visual arts reference material that addresses virtually all of the humanities. Learn more about this VMFA resource.

Shop VMFA

The VMFA Shop offers a diverse selection of unique jewelry, home accessories, toys, stationery, and books related to the museum's collections and exhibitions, as well as educational items and works from Virginia artists.

VMFA Learn

Watch artist videos and engage with more art from around the world!

Exploring e-Books

Interested in exploring and assessing free e-books through your local library? Check out apps that will connect you with e-books for a virtual reading experience.

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate African and African American Art: Music & Culture
Sat, Jun 5, 2021

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