



Youth & Family Studio Programs Information | Fall 2020 | Online

ABOUT VMFA'S YOUTH & FAMILY STUDIO PROGRAMS

VMFA's Art Education Center hosts a series of innovative art programs that spark creativity, critical thinking, and fun! Students learn about art from VMFA's world-renowned collection, experiment with studio art materials, and learn from expert instructors who support all levels of skill and talent. This fall, VMFA is offering in-person and online experiences to provide educational opportunities to families of varying needs and levels of comfort.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS, TIMES, AND TUITION

Online:	Friday Family Art Night	Select Fridays, 5-7 pm	\$25 (VMFA members \$20)
Online:	Kids Discover (ages 5-8)	Select Saturdays, 1-4 pm	\$30 (VMFA members \$25)
Online:	Art Explorers (ages 9-12)	Select Saturdays, 1-4 pm	\$30 (VMFA members \$25)
In-person:	Afterschool Art Club (ages 5-8)	Thursdays, 4:30-6 pm	\$25 (VMFA members \$20)
In-person:	Foundations in Art (ages 9-12)	Thursdays, 4:30-6 pm	\$25 (VMFA members \$20)

TO REGISTER

Go to www.vmfa.museum to register online – *please note that registration for online youth and family classes closes at 5pm the day before class.* A confirmation email with a class link and passcode will be sent to the email address used to register for class. Do not share this information. Only registered participants will be allowed to attend class. (Siblings who are taking a class together and sharing a device do not need to register separately.)

QUESTIONS ABOUT PROGRAMS

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IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

We understand that safety is a priority for many families, as well as the importance of valuable hands-on learning experiences. While there may be a demand for in-person learning, we also know that this option is not practical for everyone. In response, we are pleased to offer new, virtual opportunities via Zoom for select VMFA Youth & Family Studio Programs. For families who prefer in-person classes, please know that VMFA is committed to keeping students and teachers safe, and is taking precautions to reduce the risk of spread while visiting the museum. For more information, visit www.vmfa.museum/covid-19 and www.vmfa.museum/youth-studio/kids-fall-spring-programs.

WHAT TO EXPECT

KIDS CLASSES Online classes for kids engage students in fun and creative ways using the same materials they would in the studios. Unlike in-person classes though, a parent or guardian will need to be present to help set-up their child's art space, log in to the Zoom class, and assist with materials and technical issues along the way (but still allow students to work and learn independently). The structure for online classes is very similar to that of in-person classes, which may include welcoming students, an overview of the lesson, background information, an art-making demonstration, studio time, guidance while students are creating, and a wrap-up. Students will have the option to engage and ask questions throughout class. Note that each instructor is unique and may use different teaching strategies and settings, so every class is a new experience.

FAMILY CLASSES Online classes for families encourage learning and fun while creating and collaborating on art projects using the same materials they would in the studios. A parent or guardian will need to be present at all times, not only to participate but also help set up an art space, log in to the Zoom class, and assist with materials and any technical issues along the way.

ONLINE INFORMATION

ABOUT ZOOM Zoom is a web-based audio and video conferencing tool that allows users to meet virtually. It has become a widely popular teaching platform for schools, museums, and other educational institutes.

ZOOM PREREQUISITES Almost any device with internet access can be used. Participants simply need the class link and passcode (although the Zoom app is free, it is not necessary to download for these classes). We ask that a parent or guardian assist with the log in and remain present throughout the class. Webcams and microphones are not required, unless students want to engage with

instructors and peers. Students are welcome to watch, listen, and participate on their own. For privacy and security, the participants' video and audio settings are disabled upon entering a class meeting. These settings can be changed by the participant after the meeting begins, based on the comfort level of the student and their parent or guardian. Note that instructors will often mute or unmute participants throughout class, as well. We recommend that participants open the Zoom software in advance and test internet connectivity and device functions (such as their webcam or microphone, if desired) to avoid any technical surprises at class time.

TO JOIN A CLASS Registered participants should have their confirmation email ready with the link, meeting ID, and passcode, about 5-10 minutes before the start of class – please do not be late. A parent or guardian will need to click the link to join the meeting and type in the passcode. *Please be sure to review materials and prepare your art space ahead of time.*

WAITING ROOM Upon joining, students will enter a “Waiting Room” and remain there until the instructor has confirmed registration and is ready to begin. Only registered participants will be allowed in class.

ART SUPPLIES

ART KITS All supplies needed for online classes are included with registration. Art supplies will be packaged into kits and available for pick-up at VMFA's **Coat Check**, near the main entrance of the museum. The person picking up will need to provide the name used to register for the class and the class title. If nobody is at Coat Check upon arrival, please go to the Visitor Services desk for assistance. Pick-up days and times are listed below, but may be subject to change. Please look for an email reminder about two weeks prior to the class date, which will include class info and updates, as well as a Supply List. Note that kits will not be available on the same day as class.

PICK-UP DATES FOR ART KITS

[CD1] Ancient Egyptian Treasures & **[CE1]** Ceramic Treasures (Sat, Sep 26)

Pick-up days: Tue, Sep 15, 10 am-2 pm | Tue, Sep 22, 10 am-2 pm | Fri, Sep 25, 4-7 pm

[F2] Clay Creations (Fri, Oct 16)

Pick-up days: Tue, Oct 6, 10 am-2 pm | Fri, Oct 9, 4-7 pm | Thu, Oct 15, 10 am-2 pm

[CD2] Go with the Flow Painting & **[CE2]** Art Lab (Sat, Oct 17)

Pick-up days: Tue, Oct 6, 10 am-2 pm | Fri, Oct 9, 4-7 pm | Thu, Oct 15, 10 am-2 pm | Fri, Oct 16, 4-7 pm

[CD3] Pop Art Party & **[CE3]** Intro to Manga (Sat, Nov 14)

Pick-up days: Thu, Nov 5, 10 am-2 pm | Tue, Nov 10, 10 am-2 pm | Fri, Nov 13, 4-7 pm

[F3] Fantastic Fabrics (Fri, Nov 20)

Pick-up days: Tue, Nov 10, 10 am-2 pm | Fri, Nov 13, 4-7 pm | Thu, Nov 19, 10 am-2 pm

[CD4] Winter Wonderland & **[CE4]** Soft Sculpture (Sat, Dec 5)

Pick-up days: Tue, Dec 1, 10 am-2 pm | Fri, Dec 4, 4-7 pm

[F4] Gingerbread Houses (Fri, Dec 18)

Pick-up days: Tue, Dec 15, 10 am-2 pm | Wed, Dec 16, 4-7 pm | Thu, Dec 17, 10 am-2 pm

PREPARING YOUR SPACE

REVIEW SUPPLIES See the ART SUPPLIES section above. Everything needed for class will be available for pickup at VMFA. A Supply List and instructions will also be available in a follow-up email two weeks prior to the start of class. Please become familiar with supplies in advance. Some materials may require prep work. Be sure to find a work space that is appropriate for the materials being used (e.g. a drawing class would be fine at an office desk or in a living room with carpet, however, a class on pour-painting may need to be in a garage or on the kitchen floor with a drop cloth).

STUDIO SET UP Find an appropriate location that is quiet, relatively neutral, and suitable for art supplies, with plenty of space to make art. Good lighting is extremely helpful for art making and video conferencing. Be sure devices are fully charged or plugged in before class. Devices should be visible from the workspace, but in a safe location to avoid being damaged by accidental spills. It is best to place a device on a higher surface such as a laptop on a stack of books or an iPad on a tripod. Set up work space and materials in advance; please do not wait until the last minute.

PRIVACY & SECURITY

CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY VMFA will not share or post student information publicly without consent from a parent or guardian. While it's fun to share in the excitement of new experiences and connections, we also advise parents/guardians and students NOT to post any pictures, screenshots, or other content from online classes to social media or elsewhere online. Please respect the privacy of others. VMFA has taken steps to reduce online security risks as much as possible, such as requiring a passcode, utilizing the Waiting Room feature, disabling video and audio upon entering a meeting, disabling the screen sharing option for participants, and disabling the recording option for participants. A second VMFA staff member/host will be available to assist the instructor and monitor interactions for kids classes. Furthermore, students are not obligated to use webcams or mics during online classes. A parent or guardian should remain nearby to monitor their child's internet usage, as well as assist with technology and class needs.

RECORDING Please be aware that online class sessions will be recorded by VMFA via Zoom. For the privacy and protection of children, however, VMFA will not share content or student information publicly. Recordings are for internal use to document and evaluate the program and faculty, and continue to learn and grow from this exciting new experience.

LOCATION & SETTING Instructors will be teaching classes from VMFA studios, when possible, or a neutral setting. If participants are using webcams, they should find a location that is also safe and neutral. Parents/guardians should be aware of their surroundings and avoid having sensitive information visible such as a home address or credit card, or any items out that may be considered personal or private.

CLASS CONDUCT

Parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing the following rules and consequences with their children before the start of class.

RULES & EXPECTATIONS

1. Safety first! Use materials and settings only as instructed. Adult assistance may be needed, especially for younger students.
2. Be kind and courteous to teachers and peers. Respect the privacy of others. Stay muted unless asking a question or participating in a discussion. Please be aware that sharing inappropriate or explicit content is strictly prohibited.
3. An adult should present for technical assistance and to monitor online use.
4. Take part in all activities. Please be on time and present during class and avoid distractions, when possible.
5. Have fun! 😊

CONSEQUENCES

- 1st A disruptive student may be temporarily muted or hidden from the class.
- 2nd The instructor or teaching assistant/host will send a message to the student and request to speak with a parent or guardian.
- 3rd The student may be removed from the class and will not be readmitted.

Note: Sharing inappropriate or explicit content is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal of the class. Refunds will not be provided and students may no longer participate in online youth classes at VMFA.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A select number of scholarships are available for youth and teen studio programs. Phone 804.340.1331 to request a **Scholarship Application Form** or email youthstudio@vmfa.museum.

EVALUATIONS

Students and/or caregivers may be asked to complete a survey upon exiting the class session or via email at a later date. We value your opinion and would greatly appreciate you taking the time to help us improve our program and exceed your expectations!

CANCELLATIONS

Fees are nonrefundable except when VMFA cancels a class. *Classes may not be substituted or switched once registration is complete.* Be sure to mark your calendar and save your confirmation email upon registering. Refunds will not be granted for missed programs, late arrivals, lost links, or technology malfunctions. If VMFA cancels a class due to insufficient enrollment, issues with technology, or health concerns, participants will be notified as soon as possible and reimbursed fully.