

McGinness Connection

Gallery Hunt

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



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Between 2008 and 2009, Ryan McGinness created two hundred icons inspired by art in VMFA's collection. He then manipulated them in various ways to make several larger works of art. Below are eight of these icons. Search the galleries to connect each one to its VMFA counterpart. Once you do, try to uncover the symbols within.

Begin your matching game in the [Mid to Late 20th Century Galleries](#) on Level 2.



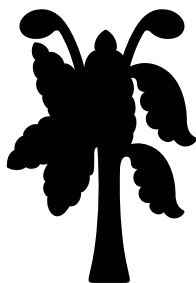
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Find the chalkboard that is filled with these scratches. They are more than just scribbles. What do all of these marks symbolize? _____



2

Look for this silver and gold woman in the **Art Nouveau Galleries** on Level 3. What subject does she personify? _____



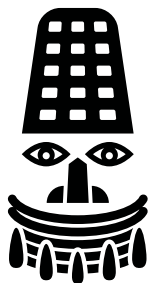
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Cross the bridge to the **South Asian Galleries** and head to the room with a pavilion. Once there, find a marble relief featuring a plant. What kind of fruit grows on it?



4

Return to Level 2 to discover the round room in the **English Silver Galleries**. Find these fantastical creatures etched into a plate. On the center shield are three bars with fine, horizontal lines. What color do they symbolize?



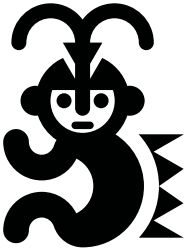
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Move on to the **African Galleries** to find a red diamond high on the wall. Below it is a bronze plaque of a powerful leader. Several symbols indicate he is a chief, including teeth from what animal?



6

Retrace your steps through the Tapestry Hall and enter the **Ancient Galleries** to find this portrait on wood. What is the woman wearing that indicates she is wealthy?



7

Cross the bridge and proceed to the **Pre-Columbian Galleries** for a look at monkeys made of wool. What did the artist add to these animals to turn them into warriors? _____



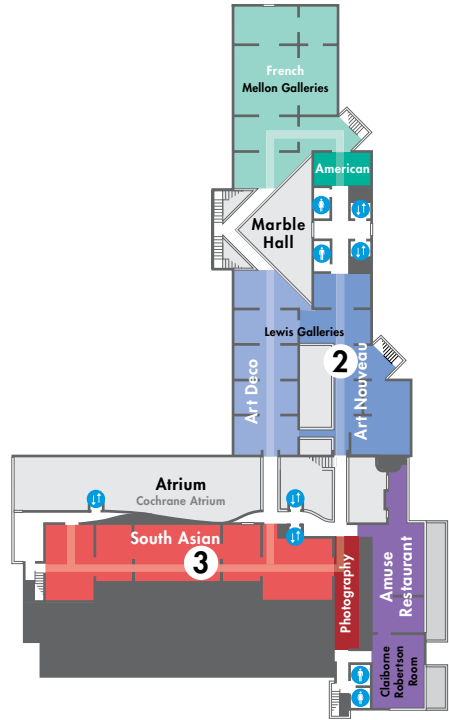
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How about some fresh air? This last icon is in the **Sculpture Garden** and is a symbol of a famous nautical character. What is this Captain's name?

Now it's your turn! Choose a work of art from the VMFA collection and create your own symbol for it in the space to the left.



Level 2



Level 3

Finding the Objects at the Museum

Objects 1–7 are on levels 2 and 3.

Object 8 can be found in the Sculpture Garden.

IMAGES

- 1**
Cy Twombly, **Synopsis of a Battle**, 1968
- 2**
Alphonse Mucha, **Nature**, ca. 1900
- 3**
Indian (probably Rajasthan), **Architectural Revetment Showing a Banana Plant**, late 17th–early 18th century
- 4**
Benjamin Pyne, **Rosewater Dish and a Pair of Ewers**, 1699–1700

- 5**
Benin Culture (Nigeria), **Plaque of a Chief**, 1590–1650
- 6**
Roman, **Fayum Portrait of a Woman**, late 3rd–early 4th century
- 7**
Ica style (Peru), **Tapstry Fragment**, 1000–1300
- 8**
Arman, **Captain Nemo's Accumulation**, 1979

Cover & Inside

Untitled (VMFA Cyanotype #11), 2010
Ryan McGinness, American (born 1972)
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Answers
1. Battle of Issus; 2. Nature; 3. Bananas; 4. Blue;
5. Leopard; 6. Jewelry; 7. Crescent Headaddresses; 8. Nemo

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It's your art.