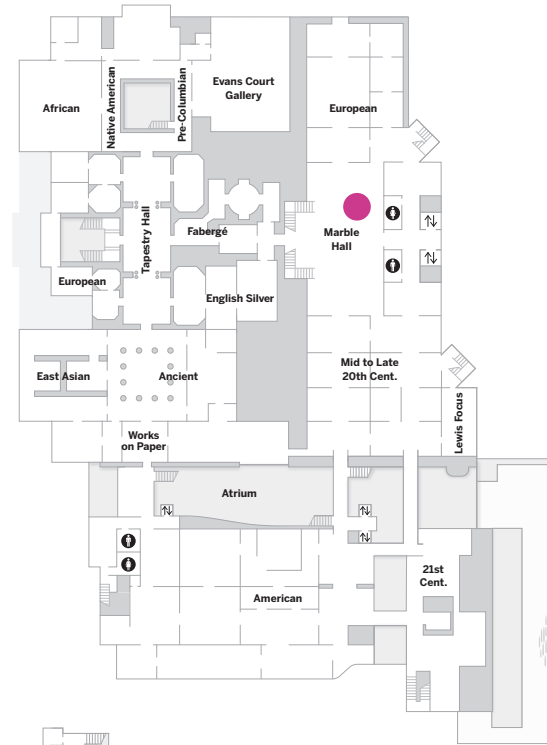
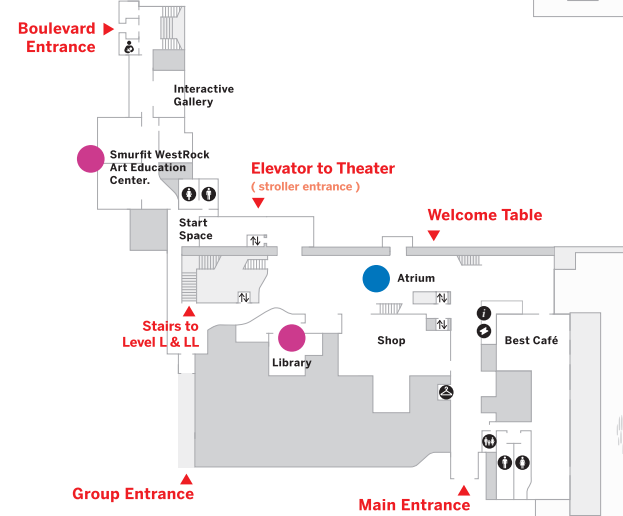


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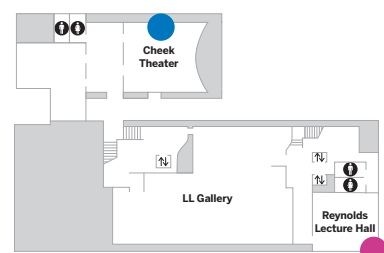
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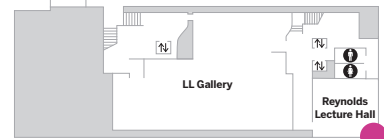
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Explore More at VMFA | Ongoing, 10 am–4:30 pm

Survey & Prize Table | Level 1

Pick up a gallery map and explore all three levels of VMFA's permanent collection, free of charge.

VMFA's Best Café | Level 1

Enjoy a tasty treat or delicious lunch! *Best Café hours: Lunch 11 am–2:30 pm; light fare and coffee bar 10 am–4:30 pm.*

VMFA Shop | Level 1

Explore a diverse selection of unique jewelry, home accessories, toys, stationery, and books.

VMFA Library | Level 1

VMFA's Margaret R. and Robert M. Freeman Library is one of the oldest and the most extensive art resources in Virginia, with visual arts reference materials that span the humanities.

Become a VMFA Member | Level 1

Enjoy VMFA 365 days a year! Join today with promo code FAMILY to receive two additional months of membership, plus a free gift.* Additional discounts are available for qualifying individuals.

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Have a question, or need help finding an activity or performance?
Stop by one of three locations:

1. Entrance information table—located in the alcove next to the guard stand at the main entrance
2. Welcome table—located in the Atrium, Level 1, under the large event banner
3. StART Space information table—located in the Art Education Center, Level 1



Save the Date!

Sat, Jun 7, 2025, 11 am–3 pm
The Art of Africa: Mali

Sat, Sep 13, 2025, 11 am–3 pm
The Art of Latin America: Mexico



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ChinaFest:
Year of the Wood Snake



Sat, Feb 8, 2025

10 am–4:30 pm | Museum-wide

Free; no tickets or reservations required.

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Welcome to VMFA's ChinaFest: Year of the Wood Snake

We are glad you are here to celebrate 20 years of ChinaFest with us. Use this agenda as a guide to taking part in gallery explorations, vibrant performances, art activities, and demonstrations!

Performers and Artists

Leslie Cheek Theater: First Show

10:30–11:50 am

Doors Open 10:15 am
Pacific Arts Troupe
Min Xiao-Fen
Yu Dance Arts
Choy Wun Lion Dance Troupe

Leslie Cheek Theater: Second Show

1–2:10 pm

Doors Open 12:45 pm
Pacific Arts Troupe
Min Xiao-Fen
Yu Dance Arts

Leslie Cheek Theater: Third Show

3–4 pm

Doors Open 2:45 pm
Pacific Arts Troupe
Yu Dance Arts with accompaniment by Min Xiao-Fen
Choy Wun Lion Dance Troupe

Cochrane Atrium

11–11:20am Richmond Moy Yat Kung Fu Workshop
Noon–12:15 pm Greater Richmond Children's Choir
1–1:15 pm Choy Wun Lion Dance Troupe
2–2:15 pm Greater Richmond Children's Choir

Ongoing Art Activities, Collaborations & Demonstrations

10am–4:30 pm

Calligraphy Demonstration | Smurfit WestRock Art Education Center, Studio 1

Create a Hand Fan | Smurfit WestRock Art Education Center, Studio 2

Create a Paper Cutting Decoration | Marble Hall

Community Activity: Strike-a-Pose Photo Station | Marble Hall

Sculpt a Clay Snake | Marble Hall

Collaboration: Paper Link Snake | Freeman Library

Collaboration: Lego Mosaic with Brickworkz LLC | Reynolds Lecture Hall

Performers and Artists

See schedule at left

Yu Dance Arts

Directed by Yu Xiao, Yu Dance Arts is a Richmond-based youth dance troupe that focuses on creating and producing intercultural dances that combine Chinese tradition with modern Western aesthetics.

Pacific Arts Troupe

Pacific Arts Troupe is a nonprofit performance group in the greater Richmond area that promotes the appreciation of Asian performing arts via dance, music, fashion shows, and martial arts.

Choy Wun Dance Troupe, Inc.

Choy Wun Lion Dance Troupe, Inc. was founded in 2012, under the principles and mission of preserving and spreading Chinese cultural awareness through performance arts, particularly Lion Dancing.

Greater Richmond Children's Choir

The Greater Richmond Children's Choir brings together students from diverse backgrounds, inspiring them to experience the joy of singing and to develop a lifelong passion for music through age-appropriate vocal training.

Min Xiao-Fen

Min Xiao-Fen performs solo on pipa, ruan, sanxian and voice. Lauded by the *New York Times* as 'a pipa player like no other,' Min Xiao-Fen received a 2013 commission from the Smithsonian Institution to score two silent films.

Richmond Moy Yat Kung Fu

Watch and practice graceful warrior moves with Moy Yat Ving Tsun Kung Fu. This art was made popular in the 1950s by Grand Master Yip Man, whose best-known student is movie legend Bruce Lee!

Jing Shui

Join Jing Shui to witness the seamless transition from calligraphy brush strokes to paintings and see the beauty and techniques of traditional Chinese art. Jing Shui was born in Sichuan Province, China, and moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2015. She earned her BFA and MFA in design from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, and holds a PhD in Chinese fine arts from Beijing's Chinese National Academy of Arts.

Brickworkz LLC

Join Brickworkz to participate in the creation of a community Lego Mosaic! Brickworkz LLC, established in 2006 by award-winning artist Brian Korte, uses creativity to connect people to one another and create conversation pieces using LEGO parts as a unique medium.

ChinaFest performances will take place in VMFA's Cheek Theater, Level L, and Atrium, Level 1. All Atrium performances will be standing room only. Seating for Cheek Theater performances will be available on a first come, first served basis. For the safety of our performers, please do not enter the stage and other designated performance areas.



In Memoriam

ChinaFest Founder Rose Chen passed away on January 9, 2025, after a lifetime of service and fostering connections among people. VMFA is just one of many beneficiaries of her immense energy and vision.

She will be greatly missed.