



New Orleans Museum of Art

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Sign Up Now for Summer Art Studio at NOMA

Week-long half-day camps for ages 4-17; Saturday classes for teens

NEW ORLEANS (Wednesday, May 27, 2009)—Looking for ways to engage your children or teens this summer? Consider the New Orleans Museum of Art Summer Art Studio for ages 4 to 17, featuring nine sessions designed for particular age groups that highlight different media and subjects. Week-long, half-day art workshops for children ages 4-12 and all-day Saturday workshops for teens ages 13-17 are taught by professional art teachers and artists. Each class offers an in-depth exploration of a variety of art mediums and approaches spanning both traditional and non-traditional methods. All Summer Art Studio workshops are based on different aspects of the Museum's permanent collection and special exhibitions.

To register, or for more information, contact the Education Department at 504-658-4128. Please note that a limited number of scholarships based on need and merit are available with teacher recommendation.

Summer Art Studio at NOMA for Children (ages 4-12)

Cost is \$100 for Museum Members and \$125 for Non-Members. Both morning and afternoon classes are available. All classes run Monday through Friday for 2 ½ hours per day. Morning classes are 10 a.m.-noon. Afternoon classes are 1:30-3:30 p.m.

June 8-12, Ages 4-6 Powwow at NOMA

Artists will explore the art and culture of Native American tribes featured in NOMA's permanent collection while learning elements of art such as line, shape, color, pattern and more! Exciting projects will incorporate a variety of two-dimensional and three-dimensional media and emphasis will be placed on imagination, creative expression and skills that will help children to develop hand-eye coordination.

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June 15-19, Ages 7-9

Be Like Michelangelo

Michelangelo was a sculptor, architect, painter, philosopher, and as much of a celebrity in his day as any Ninja Turtle! Through Renaissance-inspired projects, students will learn about Michelangelo by painting scenes of their own world using his techniques. The workshop will highlight artistic techniques with different media and introduce the vocabulary of the Italian Renaissance.

June 22-26, Ages 10-12

Space: The Final Frontier

According to 20th century artist Frank Stella, “the aim of art is to create space.” By examining NOMA’s collection of modern and contemporary art, participants will discover how artists use different materials to create and engage space and how the viewer is affected by these choices. Hands-on projects involving printmaking, drawing, found objects and three-dimensional construction will allow the young artists to explore new methods of art-making and will highlight the art principles behind much of 20th century art.

July 6-10, Ages 4-6

Mid-Summer Mardi Gras

Who doesn’t love Mardi Gras? Participants will be inspired by local artists and themes within the Museum's galleries as we celebrate our favorite holiday and learn about art! New Orleans-themed projects involving float-making, food, costuming, music and more will conclude with our own parade around NOMA. Associated art elements, techniques, and imagination will be highlighted with each project, and a snack will be provided for the artists.

July 13-17, Ages 7-9

PAINT, PAINT, PAINT...

Artists will delve into color, materials and classic painting techniques as well as off-the-wall methods of paint application. Drawing inspiration from the wide variety of painting styles in the galleries of NOMA, participants will develop their creativity with everyone’s favorite medium, PAINT! Develop basic painting skills using watercolor, tempera and acrylic paints, exploring texture, color, composition, light and shadow. Prepare to be messy!

July 20-24, Ages 10-12

Mixed Media Mish-Mash

A great way to introduce young artists to different art mediums! This is a workshop with classes focusing on drawing, painting and sculpture as well as other fun and interesting materials. Each session focuses on different mediums and artistic styles. The class will also highlight famous artists featured in NOMA’s galleries.

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Summer Art Studio at NOMA for Teens (ages 13-17)

Cost is \$45 for Museum Members and \$60 for Non-Members. Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register early to reserve a spot. Each workshop will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on a Saturday, and students should bring a brown-bag lunch. Regrettably, there are no restaurant facilities on the premises. Class size is restricted to twelve.

June 13, Ages 13-17

Project NOMA

Imagination, composition, color, texture and material will be the focus of Project NOMA, a full day of creating a wearable work of art. Teens can explore combinations of traditional two-dimensional art-making techniques and unconventional media, as they learn methods of construction and three-dimensional design.

July 11, Ages 13-17

2-D to 3-D

Students will choose a favorite two-dimensional work of art from NOMA's galleries that will serve as the inspiration for a three-dimensional masterpiece. Instructors will be on hand to introduce innovative methods of construction and a wide variety of traditional and non-traditional materials will be available.

August 8, Ages 13-17

Drawing Studio

Designed for the beginning to intermediate artist, this course is an introduction to many drawing approaches with a variety of media and subject matter. Basic figure drawing techniques will be introduced as well as drawing from life with a clothed model.

About NOMA and the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden

The New Orleans Museum of Art, founded in 1910 by Isaac Delgado, houses more than 30,000 art objects encompassing 4,000 years of world art. Works from the permanent collection, along with continuously changing temporary exhibitions, are on view in the Museum's 46 galleries Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Museum is free to Louisiana residents through the generosity of The Helis Foundation.

Admission to the adjacent Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden, featuring work by 59 artists, including several of the 20th century's great master sculptors, is always free during regular Museum hours.

The New Orleans Museum of Art and the Besthoff Sculpture Garden are fully accessible to handicapped visitors and wheelchairs are available from the front desk.

For more information, call (504) 658-4100 or visit www.noma.org.

