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Museum Programs for Students, Teachers, Families, and Teens
Welcome educators, parents, and community leaders!

The Art Institute of Chicago offers engaging experiences for teachers, students of all ages, parents and their children, and teens. In this brochure, you’ll find information about tours for students and groups, professional development opportunities for teachers, programs for families, and offerings for teenagers for the 2015–16 academic year.

Educational programs take place in the museum’s galleries and the Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Education Center, a space that includes studios, classrooms, galleries, the Vitale Family Room, and the Crown Family Educator Resource Center.

All of our programs encourage careful looking, thoughtful discussion, and experiential learning with works of art. Find out how a visit to the museum can enhance classroom learning and teaching as well as provide enriching experiences for teens and families.

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Student Tours

Experience the museum with your students!

Learning experiences in the museum allow students to use critical and creative thinking skills and apply concepts learned in the classroom within a new context.

Fall semester registration now open.
Spring semester registration begins DECEMBER 2.
Summer tour registration begins MARCH 15.

Illinois school groups receive free admission to the Art Institute of Chicago
All tours must be booked using the online Student Tours application scheduler.artic.edu

Docent-led Tours

Docent-led tours are conducted by experienced gallery educators who engage students in detailed observation, discussion, and critical thinking about works of art in the collection.

For tour descriptions, along with group size limits and tour lengths, please visit: www.artic.edu/student-tours/docent-led-tours.

Museum Introduction Tours
Theme-based introduction tours provide imaginative inroads through which to explore the diverse people, places, and ideas represented by the museum’s collection.

GRADES 1-5
Art from Many Places
Clues from the Past
Self, Family, and Community
Stories in Art

GRADES 1-12
Art from Many Places

Specialized Tours
Specialized tours enable students to investigate a particular area of the museum in depth. Available for upper elementary, middle, or high school students, these experiences provide a thematic overview that encourages students’ deeper engagement with artworks from a specific time period, culture, or artistic movement.

GRADES 4-5
American Art: Themes and Ideas
Impressionism and Post-Impressionism

GRADES 6-12
American Art: Themes and Ideas
Art of Ancient Greece, Rome, Etruria, and the Byzantine Empire
Classical Mythology in Art
Arts of Africa
Indian Art of the Americas
Asian Art
European Art: 1300–1800
Art of France
Art of Spain
Impressionism and Post-Impressionism
Modern Art
Contemporary Art and Design

**Studio, Writing, and Drawing Tours**

**GRADES 3–12**

Studio: Art from Many Places Tour and Studio

**GRADES 6–12**

Art and Creative Writing
Seeing through Drawing

**New for 2015–2016!**

Art and Science
Learn more online about this docent-guided tour and studio experience for students in grades 6–8.

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**Teacher-Led Tours**

Teacher-led, or self-conducted, tours allow you to plan and lead your students’ visit to the museum. The following resources may be used to design an experience that directly supports classroom teaching.

Crown Educator Resource Center: www.artic.edu/resource-center
Educator Resource Finder: www.artic.edu/resource-finder
Art Institute Collections: www.artic.edu/aic/collections

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**READY TO BOOK YOUR VISIT? IT’S EASY!**

All tours are scheduled using our online Student Tour application. Applications must be submitted at least two weeks before the field trip date, but we recommend submitting your application well in advance of the requested date. Requests are processed in the order in which they are received, and confirmations are sent by e-mail.

Please visit www.artic.edu/student-tours to book your tour and find information about:

- Lunch options
- Bus scholarships (Ruth Powell Museum Visit Fund)
- Chaperone to student ratios
- Payments

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Teacher Programs

Expand the scope of classroom learning by engaging your students with works of art. Discover effective teaching strategies and instructional resources through professional development opportunities focused on the museum’s encyclopedic collection and special exhibitions. A range of program types provide teachers of all disciplines and grade levels with the chance to learn from museum educators and curators, local scholars and artists, and peer teachers in order to uncover the possibilities of integrating works of art and museum learning across the curriculum.

For teacher program descriptions and fees, and to register, visit www.artic.edu/teacher-calendar.

Register for the Student and Teacher Programs monthly e-news by visiting www.artic.edu/e-news.

Workshops

The Art Institute offers after-school, one-day, and multiday professional development workshops throughout the year on a variety of topics for educators of all grade levels and subject. Workshops focus on the value of learning through original artworks in the museum and the resources available to transfer that learning into the classroom. Participants explore the creative process, historical context, and the nature of aesthetic experience while learning effective teaching strategies and making meaningful curricular connections.

Lessons in the Spotlight: Using the Art Critique Process to Strengthen Teaching and Learning
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Making Place: The Architecture of David Adjaye
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

Dionysos Unmasked: Ancient Sculpture and Early Prints
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

India Past and Present: Living Traditions and Artistic Practice
Featuring the exhibition Gates of the Lord: The Tradition of Krishna Paintings
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015
Art, Technology, and Education
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

Teacher Appreciation Day and Family Festival
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015

Van Gogh’s Bedrooms
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Sculpture Speaks Flat—Martin Puryear’s Prints and Drawings
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

Classroom Connect: An Introduction to Early Childhood Teaching with Visual Art
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

Art and Language: Visual Literacy for World Language and English Language Learners
Featuring works from the newly reopened galleries of contemporary art
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

Art, Technology, and Education
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

Classroom Connect Seminars
Classroom Connect is the Art Institute’s customized, three-hour professional development program for teacher groups.

For more information about Classroom Connect or to schedule a seminar, please visit www.artic.edu/classroom-connect.

The Crown Family Educator Resource Center
The Crown Family Educator Resource Center is a reference library for educators of all kinds featuring art history and art-making resources, exhibition catalogues, gallery activities, interdisciplinary lesson plans, research files, teacher manuals, and videos/DVDs. Patrons may use the library and networked computer stations to conduct research or consult with museum staff to plan lessons.

Groups of educators may schedule free half-hour introductions to the Crown Resource Center.

For more information, or to schedule an orientation, e-mail erc@artic.edu.

The Educator Resource Finder
The Educator Resource Finder is the Art Institute’s online platform for teaching tools and resources. Download hundreds of lesson plans, activity ideas, lectures, and other resources about the Art Institute’s collection.

Visit the Educator Resource Finder online at www.artic.edu/resource-finder.

Illinois Educator Admission
Now Online!
Free admission to the Art Institute of Chicago is available to current Illinois educators, including pre–K–12 teachers, teaching artists working in schools, and homeschool parents. Educators can register online to receive a voucher for a complimentary ticket to the museum. This voucher must be presented at one of the museum's admission counters with a valid educator ID.

For more information and to register for a voucher for complimentary educator admission, visit www.artic.edu/educator-admission.
Family Programs

Introduce your child to the wonders and joys of art with Family Programs. From free drop-in programs and family festivals to fee-based workshops and more, there is something fun and exciting in store for every family.

The Vitale Family Room in the Ryan Education Center is a great place to begin your visit or to take a break. Be sure to pick up a family guide on your way into the museum.

Admission to the Ryan Education Center is always free, so come as often as you like. Members and children under 14 always receive free admission to the museum.

To get the most up-to-date news on family-friendly activities or to receive our bimonthly Family Programs brochure, sign up for our free e-news online at www.artic.edu/e-news. For Family Room hours, visit www.artic.edu/kids. We regret that we cannot accept groups at family programs. Questions? E-mail familyprograms@artic.edu or call (312) 857-7161.

Family Festivals

Family festivals offer an exciting array of activities in the Ryan Education Center and may include gallery walks, art making, self-guided family tours, performances, and other fun surprises! No registration required.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY FESTIVALS
SELECT SATURDAYS, 10:30-3:00
Free
SEPTEMBER 26, 2015
NOVEMBER 21, 2015
JANUARY 16, 2016
APRIL 2, 2016
MAY 16, 2016
JULY 18, 2016

Workshops

Open up a world of art with your child at one of our fee-based workshops that combine looking at art with hands-on experiences. Advance registration is required; workshop sign-up begins the first of the month prior to the month of the program. For workshop schedule and registration, visit www.artic.edu/calendar. Space is limited.

Workshops meet in the Ryan Education Center and then travel to the museum’s galleries. Please bring your Art Institute member card or museum admission tickets for adults and children age 14 and above. Museum admission is always free for children under the age of 14. An adult must accompany children at Mini Masters and Family Workshops.

Purchase admission tickets in advance on our website or by calling (877) 307-4242 daily, 8:00–8:00 (Sundays until 7:00). Chicago families can visit the Art Institute for free with the Kids Museum Passport from the Chicago Public Library. www.chipublib.org

Mini Masters Workshop (Ages 3–5)

Mini Masters provides a first experience in the museum galleries for preschool children and their caregivers. Programs may include listening to stories, playing pretend games, visiting museum galleries, and creating artwork to take home.

60 minutes

Family Workshop (Ages 6–12)

Family workshops include a fun tour and an art-making experience for the whole family.

90 minutes

Tween Workshop (Ages 9–12)

These workshops are designed for tweens on their own, without a caregiver. Explore the galleries, make new friends, and enjoy a creative adventure.

3 hours
Teen Programs

Get involved in Teen Programs at the Art Institute! Explore the museum, create art, go behind the scenes, and network with artists, museum staff, and other youth. The opportunities are on point!

Find out more: www.artic.edu/learn/teens

Sign up for our Teen Programs e-news: www.artic.edu/e-news

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Questions? E-mail teens@artic.edu or call (312) 857-7161.

Workshops (Ages 13–19)
Spend your Saturday exploring exhibitions, messing around with new materials, and making art. Topics and artists change monthly to keep it fresh. Registration required: www.artic.edu/teen-workshops

$10 members, $12 nonmembers

Re:Imagine24 Overnight Teen Design Competition (High School Students)
MARCH 5–6, 2016

Spend 24 hours at the Art Institute working with artist-mentors and other teens to design solutions to museum challenges. Eat delicious food, experience the galleries late-night, break it down at our midnight dance party, indulge at the energy bar, and have a generally awesome time!

Application opens in December 2015: www.artic.edu/learn/teens/teen-council

The Teen Council program and competition is generously sponsored by Anita and Prabhakant Sinha.

Teen Lab After-School Program (Chicago high school students)

Experiment with new ideas and media, meet and mingle with museum staff and artists, romp around the museum, lead gallery discussions, and make lots of art. Teen Lab meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 4:30 –7:30, in the fall and spring semesters.

More information: www.artic.edu/learn/teens/teen-lab

Apply online: www.afterschoolmatters.org

Summer Internships (Chicago teens, ages 16–18)

Get on-the-job experience with art, teaching, and public speaking while working in the museum’s summer programs for families, teens, and youth.

More information: www.artic.edu/learn/teens/museum-internships

Apply online: www.afterschoolmatters.org

Teen Lab and Summer Teen Internships are run in partnership with After School Matters.

Free Teen Events

Sign up for the Teen Programs e-blast, keep an eye on our website, or follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with all the free opportunities for teens, including the 3rd Annual Exuberus Teen Night in June 2016, summer pop-up events, partnership programs around the city, and open studio programs during selected school breaks.