



RUBIN
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June 2011

Early Childhood and Family Programs
September – November 2011

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Family Day: Fantastic Journey
October 1, 2011; 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Families will go on an adventure, see new sights and scale new heights during this activity-packed day! They'll listen to tales from far and wide, become part of the story of an incredible trek, use a map to find secrets hidden in the museum, and make their own map for other visitors to follow. Families can try their hand at playing instruments from around the world, visit a spice market to mix up incense and mold it into cones, make a pressed clay *tsha-tsha*, and wrap a lucky talisman in colorful threads to protect them during future adventures.

Tickets:

Adults: regular museum admission

Per child: \$10 / \$5 for members

Free for children under 2 years and for Cool Culture members

Extended Learning Home School Program: *Stories of the Himalayas*
October 6 – November 17

Thursday Afternoons, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

In this seven-session, in-depth arts experience, home-school students ages 7-11 will develop skills in critical thinking, global awareness, self-reflection, and basic and advanced art techniques using the art and culture of the Himalayan region as a catalyst for creativity.

Course fee:

\$150 (\$130 for museum members and siblings of pre-registered students)

WEEKLY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

The Yak Packers: Early Childhood Art

NOW TWO DAYS EACH WEEK!

Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Ages 2-4, accompanied by an adult

Yak Packers play, hear stories, and explore art from the Himalayas together, then create projects inspired by their discoveries.

Drum Beats and Little Feet: Early Childhood Movement

Fridays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult

Kids clap their hands, stop their feet, look closely at works of art in the museum, and explore art through their bodies. Movement-based games and breathing exercises inspire excitement and tranquility while encouraging coordination, balance, visual literacy, and sense of rhythm.

Family Art Lab

NEW TIME! Saturdays, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Ages 6 and up, accompanied by an adult

Families explore Himalayan art in the galleries, learn how and why the works of art were made, and hear the stories they tell. Everyone then heads back to the studio to create their own masterpiece.

September

Portable Praise: Shrines to go!

Families will tour the galleries and visit the special Tibetan Shrine room where they'll see what a real Tibetan temple may look like, hear the sounds of monks chanting, and see the glow of flickering butter lamps. After learning why different shrines are made throughout the Himalayas and what they're used for, families will create their own shrine to take home.

October

Light and Darrrrrk

As the days get shorter and the nights get longer, many cultures celebrate light in different ways. In celebration of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, families will explore light through art-making projects.

November

Print, Print, Print!

Families will unwrap a traditional Tibetan book, learn how to block print, and design their own stamp to print on magnetic paper, fabric, or handmade paper. They can even bring their own clothing to print on!

Ticket and Registration Information

All Early Childhood Programs are \$10 for each child/adult pair; \$5 for RMA members' children; \$5 for each additional child; FREE for children one year and under; and FREE for members of Cool Culture. Tickets include admission to the galleries and are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. For more information, please visit www.rmanyc.org/family. For tickets and registration please call 212.620.5000 x374.

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