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OMA Launches New Summer Art Programs for Kids and Families

Orlando, Fla. (March 24, 2011) - Searching for summer fun? Take a vicarious vacation around the world with the Orlando Museum of Art's new summer programs. OMA's fun, intergenerational activities are designed to encourage exciting new ways of looking at and learning about art and culture.

New! A Book and a Look

With the launch of A Book and a Look bags, discovering art and exploring the museum will be interactive and engaging for the whole family. Six bags highlighting the OMA's art treasures will engage your family with artists including George Inness, Thomas Moran, Jennifer Bartlett, and Georgia O'Keeffe, as well art treasures from the African Art and Art of the Ancient Americas Collections at OMA.

Families can borrow the A Book and a Look bags and take them inside the galleries beginning June 1, 2011. Each bag contains picture books related to specific art work and kid-friendly discussion starters. Parents and children can read the book together in front of the featured art work, then "read" the art work with the accompanying looking activities. A Book and a Look bags are recommended for preschool through elementary age children. The bags are available for check out at the front desk, and are free with museum admission.

Mother's Day and Father's Day Gift Making Events

On Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 1:30pm, Daddy-O is an event where Dads and kids can come create a masterpiece of royal art to make Mom "Queen for a Day" on Mother's Day. Be inspired by OMA's treasures then create a crown and royal slippers (flip flops) with royal jewels, sequins and all the makings provided.

On Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 1:30pm, mOMArt takes place to prepare for Father's Day. Every king needs a royal crown and a box for his treasures. Moms and kids, come make fabulous Father's Day gifts so your special man can be "King of his Castle!"

Both events require pre-registration. Please call 407 896 4231 x262.

New! Family Treasures Events

OMA will also be highlighting its treasures through unique storytelling programs on one Sunday afternoon each month. June's spotlight will be on the OMA's American Art Collection. Bill Cordell, one of Central Florida's most sought-after storytellers will spark the imagination with his animated and fun delivery of tall tales on June 26 at 2 p.m. Each of these monthly programs are free with museum admission.

African art is July's program focus with Moonlight Stories presented by Orisirisi. Moonlight Stories is a child-centered recreation of the African storytelling tradition, comprised of mesmerizing African drumming and dance, spirited call and response songs, and fun-filled audience participation. This engaging theatrical production will appeal to the whole family and will take place on July 31 at 2pm.

On August 14 at 2pm, OMA visitors can explore Spanish speaking countries through stories representing the ancient Americas. Plans are currently underway for a special bilingual storytelling program to take place.

Weekly Summer Art Camp

Children entering grades 1-9 will be able to attend the OMA's creative and fun-filled art summer camps, beginning June 13. Programs offer something for every budding artist and creative type, whether the student is an art novice or more serious student of art. The popular programs place value on the process of creating in a relaxed atmosphere. OMA summer camp is offered in full-day or half-day sessions, with the last week of camp beginning August 15. Pre-registration is required, and multi-week or multi-child discounts are available. For more information, please contact the Orlando Museum of Art Education Office at 407 896 4231 x262.

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