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MONTHLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING RESUMES AT AMA

Albany Museum of Art Hosts Monthly Toddler Takeover, Homeschool Day

[For Release Aug 30, 2019 – Albany, GA] — After a summer break that was filled with seven art camps, two popular monthly events for children and students are returning to the Albany Museum of Art in September.

Toddler Takeover, which begins at 10:30 am, starts its new season on Tuesday, Sept 3, 2019. That program aimed at youngsters 15 months to 3 years old takes place on the first Tuesday of the month.

Homeschool Day, geared toward homeschooled students in K-5th grade, will return on Thursday, Sept 12, 2019. It is conducted on the second Thursday of the month.

Each month has a theme that is coordinated with exhibitions on view in the AMA galleries.

"We expect to have great participation again," said Annie Vanoteghem, director of education and public programming for the AMA. "We take a summer break because of our heavy schedule of art camps and the fact that families travel a good deal in the summer months.

"Now, fall is just around the corner and school is back in session, so we're excited to offer these engaging educational programs to homeschool students and our youngest museum guests."

At Toddler Takeover, children visit a gallery, do an art project and have story time.

Programming for Homeschool Day emphasizes STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) curriculum.

"It's an excellent way for young people to get exposed to art and learn while having fun," Vanoteghem said.

Toddler Takeover is free to AMA members and \$5 for non-members. While it is aimed at toddlers, the program is family-friendly, so siblings are welcome to come as well.

Homeschool Day is \$5 for AMA members and \$10 for non-members.

Toddlers and homeschool students can be registered ahead of time by contacting Vanoteghem at 229.439.8400, but drop-ins also are welcome.

Upcoming dates for Toddler Takeover are Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3. There will not be a January session because of the New Year's Day holiday. Dates in 2020 are Feb 4, March 3, April 7 and May 5.

Dates for Homeschool Day are Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 and Dec 12. The season continues in 2020 on Jan 9, Feb 13, March 12, April 9 and May 14.

CURRENT AMA EXHIBITIONS

- *Figure Forward*, works by Jill Frank, Jaime Bull and William Downs, is in the Haley Gallery through Oct 12, 2019.
- *Educators as Artists: Juried College Faculty Exhibition* is in the East Gallery through Oct 12, 2019.
- *Fragments of a Violent World*, nano photography by Michael Oliveri, is in the West Gallery through Oct 12, 2019.

COMING UP SOON

- AMA ChalkFest: Pop Art & Pop Tops, the Albany Museum of Art's 2nd annual chalk art and craft beer festival, is 10 am-6 pm Oct 5, 2019 on the 100 block of Pine Avenue in downtown Albany.

ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

The Albany Museum of Art, located in Albany, Georgia, adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open 10 am through 5 pm Tuesdays through Fridays and noon until 5 pm on Saturdays. Admission is free.

For more information about the AMA please visit our website, www.albanymuseum.com or call 229.439.8400. Be sure to follow the @AlbanyArtMuseum on Twitter, AlbanyMuseum on Instagram and AlbanyMuseumOfArt on Facebook.

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