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ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART ANNOUNCES 2021 SUMMER ART CAMPS

AMA Art Camps Will Explore a Variety of Themes Throughout the Summer

[For Release April 2, 2021 – Albany, GA]— The summer school break is only a few weeks away, and the Albany Museum of Art has a full lineup of summer art camps designed to tap into campers' creativity all summer long.

"We have camps that reach a wide variety of ages and interests," AMA Director of Education & Public Programming Annie Vanoteghem said. "All of our camps are age appropriate and are instructed by teachers who love to work with our campers and inspire them."

AMA Summer Art Camps start Memorial Day week and continue through the week July 19-23. No camps are planned for the week of July 5-9 because of the Independence Day holiday.

"We have brought back some of our favorites, like *Artrepreneurs*, where kids come up with business plans for their art, and *Fashion Forward*, which will again be taught by Heather Ashberry. We'll also have our popular culinary arts camp, but with a new instructor, Katie Locke.

"We're especially fortunate this year to have Athens artist Elinor Saragoussi for a camp on illustration. The museum purchased her installation *Escape Plan* earlier this year and it's on permanent exhibition in the West Gallery. We're really excited to have her work with our talented young artists!"

The artworks on exhibition at the Albany Museum of Art are incorporated into the camps. That's particularly so for Seale, Ala., artist Butch Anthony's *Art, Nature, and Intertwangleism*, which will be the theme for a nature art camp in late June.

"Butch Anthony works with found objects and his own fertile imagination to make distinctive and unusual artwork," Vanoteghem said. "Our campers will discover you can create art in ways you hadn't thought of, and recognize the value of nature in the process."

Other camps will focus on art that's created in the realm of fantasy, expanding art skills by mixing up different media, and using modern devices and technology to create art in a digital format.

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There is also a camp that caters to some of the AMA's smallest visitors. "We'll have our *Little's Camp* again for campers who are 2-4 years old," Vanoteghem said. "We don't leave anyone out of the summer fun!"

The expectation is that each camp will be limited to 12 participants. "We will follow the health guidance that is in place at the time of each camp," Vanoteghem said, including the wearing of masks, taking temperatures at the door and social distancing. "We want to make sure all our campers are safe and have fun. When we reach the limit for a camp, we will have a waiting list that we will turn to if someone drops out or health officials say it's safe to have more than 12 campers."

Some camps offer both full-day and half-day (9 am-noon or 1-4 pm) options. The AMA also offers free early drop-off starting at 8 am and free late pick-up until 5 pm. Campers can bring a sack lunch or parents can sign them up for lunch. Additional campers from the same household who are attending the same week qualify for 10% discounts.

Making an early decision to register a camper also pays off. "We're offering early-bird registration discounts through April 30," Vanoteghem said. "The regular prices go into effect May 1, so parents can save money by signing up early."

A registration link for each camp can be found at www.albanymuseum.com/summer-art-camp-site.

Here is this summer's lineup of camps according to age groups:

2-4 YEARS OLD

Little's Camp, May 24-26 (3-day camp), 9 am-noon
Cost: AMA member, \$60; future member, \$70.

K-5TH GRADERS

The Art & Science of Food with Katie Locke, May 24-26 (3-day camp), 9 am - 4 pm
Early Bird registration: AMA member, \$70; future member, \$90
After April 30: Member, \$90; future member, \$110

Fantasy Art, June 7-11, 9 am - 4 pm
Early Bird registration: AMA member, \$140; future member, \$160
After April 30: Member, \$160; future member, \$180

Art, Nature, and Intertwangleism: Natural Arts Camp, June 28-July 2, 9 am - 4 pm
Early Bird registration (Full-day week): member, \$140; future member, \$160
Early Bird Registration (Half-day week): member, \$80; future member, \$90
After April 30 (Full-day week): member, \$160; future member, \$180
After April 30 (Half-day week): member, \$90; future member, \$100

Mixed Up Mediums, July 19-23, 9 am-4 pm
Early Bird registration (Full-day week): member, \$140; future member, \$160
Early Bird Registration (Half-day week): member, \$80; future member, \$90
After April 30 (Full-day week): member, \$160; future member, \$180
After April 30 (Half-day week): member, \$90; future member, \$100

1ST-5TH GRADERS

Artrepreneurs, June 14-18, 9 am - 4 pm

Early Bird registration (Full-day week): member, \$140; future member, \$160

Early Bird Registration (Half-day week): member, \$80; future member, \$90

After April 30 (Full-day week): member, \$160; future member, \$180

After April 30 (Half-day week): member, \$90; future member, \$100

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Fashion Forward with Heather Ashberry, June 21-25, 9 am - 4 pm

Early Bird registration: AMA member, \$170; future member, \$190

After April 30: Member, \$190; future member, \$210

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Digital Art, June 14-18, 9 am - 4 pm

Early Bird registration: AMA member, \$140; future member, \$160

After April 30: Member, \$160; future member, \$180

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Illustration Camp with Elinor Saragoussi, July 12-16, 9 am - 4 pm

Early Bird registration: AMA member, \$140; future member, \$160

After April 30: Member, \$160; future member, \$180

"Anyone with questions can email me at annie.vanoteghem@albanymuseum.com or call 229.439.8400," Vanoteghem said. "After the pandemic forced us to conduct some of our early summer camps as camp-in-the-box online experiences last year, we're happy that campers will be back at the AMA for all these camps. While we're all aware that another sudden spike in COVID cases could impact plans, trends are positive right now and we're looking forward to a full summer of campers at the AMA."

CURRENT AMA EXHIBITIONS

- *Butch Anthony: Art, Nature, and Intertwangleism* is in the Haley Gallery March 4-July 31, 2021.
- *Work, Worship & Community: Paul Kwilecki* is in the East Gallery March 4-June 26, 2021.
- *Educators as Artists: 4th College Faculty Exhibition* is in the McCormack Gallery March 4-June 26, 2021
- *Works by Tom Ferguson* is in the Hodges Gallery through April 30, 2021.
- *Escape Plan*, installation by Elinor Saragoussi, is in the West Gallery.

ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

The Albany Museum of Art is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive in Albany, Ga., adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open to the public 10 am-5 pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 10 am-7 pm Thursdays. 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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