



December 2009

Welcome to the monthly newsletter for the Vancouver Art Gallery's family programs. Every weekend the Gallery offers unique activities geared towards 5 to 12 year-old visitors and their families. This newsletter highlights each month's activities.



Every Saturday, 12-4pm

Grown-ups and kids can explore the galleries with our team of bold, whimsical, funny and informed Art Agents. Every Saturday agents engage in the exhibitions with new activities and conversations related to the works on display. Free with regular admission.



Every Saturday, 2pm in the Galleries

Art Tracks are tours for families offering new and interdisciplinary ways of looking at and thinking about art. Free with regular admission.

Forthcoming Art Tracks:

Saturday, December 5

Art and the Body – Discover how the artists in *From the Collection: Is Only the Mind Allowed to Wander* use the body in art.

Saturday, December 12

The Space around Art – Explore installation work and different media in *From the Collection: Is Only the Mind Allowed to Wander*, as well as the architectural spaces of the surrounding Galleries.

Saturday, December 19

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Saturday, December 26

Construction and Deconstruction – Delve into the exhibit *Visions of British Columbia: A Landscape Manual* and discover how BC artists create and break down ideas about this province and its history.



2nd and 4th Sunday, 12 - 4pm

The Making Place offers explorative, hands-on workshops for all kinds of making-related activities. Free with regular admission.

Forthcoming Workshops:

Sunday December 13

1. *Make a Statement, Make an Imprint* – Explore Joyce Weiland's *O Canada* and create your own visual statement.
2. *Nancy Spero Inspired Collage* – Through collage, investigate a multitude of ideas, colours and images.
3. *What Do You Think?* – Add your own distinct section or mark to the collaborative, thought-provoking drawing.

Sunday December 27

1. *Everyday Sculpture* – Finding inspiration from Brian Jungen's *Cetology*, create a temporary sculpture using everyday and household materials.
2. *Abstract Painting* – explore your vision of British Columbia through painting.
3. *Maps and Conversations* – Using road maps, drawing, collage and stories, add your own creative touch to the collaborative mural.

Weekly Family Programs presented by



Family FUSE Weekend



Each year the Vancouver Art Gallery hosts three family-friendly weekends that explore contemporary art and culture through participatory and interdisciplinary activities, including performances and workshops. Family FUSE Weekends are geared towards 5 to 12 year olds, and will be engaging for the whole family.

Saturday and Sunday, March 13 & 14

Inside Out

The Vancouver Art Gallery's Family FUSE Weekend will explore *Inside Out*. Together, families will investigate inside and outside spaces from the real to the imaginary, from our bodies to our minds. This weekend will include special tours and activities designed for children and their families, who can participate in animation and drawing workshops, take in film, hear live music, and (re)discover the Gallery space in a whole new way.

Gallery Members and children aged 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information about Family FUSE Weekend, call **604-662-4700** or visit the Gallery's website at www.vanartgallery.bc.ca.