



## January 2018

Welcome to the monthly newsletter for the Vancouver Art Gallery's Weekly Family Programs. Every Sunday the Gallery offers unique activities geared towards 5 to 12 year-old visitors and their families.

Throughout January we will be exploring the exhibition *Portrait of the Artist: An Exhibition from the Royal Collection* and *Carol Sawyer: The Natalie Brettschneider Archive*.

All activities are free with regular admission.

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### Every Sunday, 12 - 4pm

Experience the Gallery with our team of curious, funny and informed Art Agents. They engage the exhibitions with activities, hunts, questions and conversations relating to what your family notices.



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The Making Place offers exploration based, hands-on making activities that are inspired by what you see in the exhibitions. Drop in any time between 12-4pm.

## Upcoming Making Places

### January 7: Stories Told Through Gestures

Inspired by the film *fr@Zu8Kuj*, c. 1981 by Carol Sawyer, create shadow puppets or attach unusual materials to your body to see how gestures and light can help you create a character that tells a story.

### January 14: Portraits That Express Identity

What do self-portraits tell us about an artist's identity? What do artists want to tell us about themselves? Look closely at Lucian Freud's *Self Portrait: Reflection*. Learn about etching and other print making techniques in our experimental printmaking workshop.

### January 21: What Do You See When You Look in the Mirror?

Learn techniques to develop the skills to draw exactly what you see. We call this kind of drawing representational- an image that represents real life. Create a realistic drawing of yourself using materials that you see in the exhibition. Compare what it is like to use charcoal, graphite or even an ipad to create a portrait.

### January 28: Self-Portraits for Self Promotion

How do artists use portraits to promote themselves? Use a magnifying glass to look closely at the miniature portraits. Artists made them so small so that others could carry them around and always be reminded of that artist's accomplishments. Create your own miniature self-portrait and turn it into something that you can give to someone else to remember you in our button making self-portrait workshop.