Half-Day Camps

MIA youth classes provide challenging hands-on art experiences that are enriched and inspired by works of art in the museum’s collection and special exhibitions. Led by qualified art instructors, museum classes offer young people a broad cultural view of art history, as well as fascinating insights into artists, techniques, and styles.

In the galleries, students spend time learning directly from masterpieces. In the studio, students develop basic art skills, experiment with an array of artistic mediums, and gain confidence through exercises that foster self-expression. Creative problem-solving and art-making activities are integrated into each class. Selected artworks by students are displayed in Gallery 110.
Monster Lore

Medieval monster stories introduced amazing beasts—scary and sweet, real and surreal. Let’s listen to fantastic tales that folks in the Middle Ages used to explain surprising things.

**AGES 5-7**

1 to 4 pm  
Section **S4**  
$135; $90 MIA members

**IN THE GALLERIES**

- Get face to face with artworks from the Middle Ages.  
- Imagine a time when medieval monsters ruled the land.  
- Discuss how beliefs from long ago have changed over time.

**IN THE STUDIO**

- Create marvelous monsters in clay and paint.  
- Make a book to capture all your scary beast tales.  
- Design a cool environment for your monster to hang out in.

**MATERIALS**

Clay, paint, watercolor paper, book art materials

**SECTIONS**

Limited to 14

**INSTRUCTOR**

Alexandra Neukom
Crazy about Crickets

Let’s take a journey to China, where crickets have been kept as pets for thousands of years. We’ll take on a cricket’s persona and illustrate a “day-in-the-life” story, telling about its adventures inside the museum.

IN THE GALLERIES
- Hold a magnifying lens up to the natural world while viewing cricket cages.
- Imagine the insect you would like most for a pet.
- Discover scholarly secrets by looking at objects found on desks.

IN THE STUDIO
- Create your own pet cage filled with clay crickets.
- Illustrate poems you’ve written about bugs in a Chinese style.
- Create a mini book to collect all your insect drawings.

AGES 5–7
1 to 4 pm
Section S5
$135; $90 MIA members

MATERIALS
Book-making supplies, mixed materials, clay ink, variety of papers

SECTIONS
Limited to 14

INSTRUCTOR
Christopher Bowman
Opposites Attract

All people are alike and so very different. How much do we resemble the people we see in art? Gear up for some very colorful stories as we express ourselves in paint.

**IN THE GALLERIES**
- Look at portraits of people from different places and eras.
- Describe the people shown—what they look like, and how the artist interpreted them.
- See how artists use their skills to show their point of view.

**IN THE STUDIO**
- Capture your subjects’ unique personalities.
- Create a painting with silly poses, whacky gestures, and other artistic embellishments.
- Assemble a whimsical sculpture inspired by Picasso’s sculpture *Baboon and Young*.

**AGES 5–7**
1 to 4 pm
Section S6
$135; $90 MIA members

**MATERIALS**
Mixed media, clay, graphite, paint, canvas, sketchbook

**SECTIONS**
Limited to 14

**INSTRUCTOR**
Alexandra Neukom

Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, *Seated Girl (Fränzi Fehrmann)*, 1910 (altered 1920), oil on canvas, The John R. Van Derlip Fund
Monet & Me

Impressionism was an art movement that aimed to capture a moment in time—and Monet was one of its masters. To capture his impressions, Monet painted scenes of everyday life outdoors. Let’s try to paint in Monet’s shoes.

AGES 5–7
1 to 4 pm
Section S7
$135; $90 MIA members

IN THE GALLERIES
• See a real Monet painting up close and personal.
• Watch how blurry patches of color blend together into images as you slowly step back.
• Get interesting tidbits about Monet, his work, and his life.

IN THE STUDIO
• Give painting in the style of Monet a whirl.
• Experiment with drawing a subject outside—or, in French, *en plein air*.
• Practice techniques of the Impressionists.

MATERIALS
Paint, canvas, pastel, pastel paper

Under the Sea

Let your imagination set sail while we explore marvelous sea stories. Get ready to make a creative splash. Anchors away!

AGES 5–7
1 to 4 pm
Section S8
$135; $90 MIA members

IN THE GALLERIES
● Plunge the inky depths for boats, water, and underwater life.
● Explore the galleries—every creature tells a story!
● Witness the wonders of Japanese woodblock prints.

IN THE STUDIO
● Create sculptures of sensational sea creatures.
● Paint a whimsical underwater scene.
● Design and print your very own boat.

MATERIALS
Block print, clay, watercolor, oil pastel, canvas