

June

- 29 **Friday | 11:00 | ages 6 and up**
Performance/A Perfect Balance

July

- 7 **Saturday | 10:30 | ages 4 and up**
Film/The Silly Symphonies
- 8 **Sunday | 11:30 | ages 4 and up**
Film/The Silly Symphonies
- 11 **Wednesday | 10:30 | ages 4 and up**
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- 15 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | 3:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Auguste Renoir
- 15 **Sunday | noon | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/American and British Art
- 16 **Monday | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Auguste Renoir
- 17 **Tuesday | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | ages 4 to 7**
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- 18 **Wednesday | noon | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/American and British Art
- 22 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | 3:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Claude Monet
- 22 **Sunday | noon | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/French Art
- 23 **Monday | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Claude Monet
- 24 **Tuesday | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Claude Monet
- 25 **Wednesday | noon | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/French Art
- 29 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | 3:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Edgar Degas
- 29 **Sunday | noon | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/Italian and Spanish Art
- 30 **Monday | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Edgar Degas
- 31 **Tuesday | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Edgar Degas

August

- 1 **Wednesday | noon | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/Italian and Spanish Art
- 5 **Sunday | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | 3:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Vincent van Gogh
- 5 **Sunday | noon | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/Dutch and Flemish Art
- 6 **Monday | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Vincent van Gogh
- 7 **Tuesday | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | ages 4 to 7**
Stories in Art/Vincent van Gogh
- 8 **Wednesday | 10:30 | ages 6 and up**
Film/Classic Looney Tunes
- 8 **Wednesday | noon | 2:00 | ages 8 to 11**
Artful Conversations/Dutch and Flemish Art
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Summer 2012

NGA kids

Family Activities
at the National Gallery
of Art, Washington



front, top: Mary Cassatt, *Children Playing on the Beach* (detail), 1884, oil on canvas, National Gallery of Art, Washington, Ailsa Mellon Bruce Collection

right: Claude Monet, *The Artist's Garden at Vétheuil* (detail), 1880, oil on canvas, National Gallery of Art, Washington, Ailsa Mellon Bruce Collection

below: Kevin Reese performs *A Perfect Balance*

front, middle: Film still from the *Silly Symphonies*, scheduled to be shown on July 7, 8, 11

page 7: Edgar Degas, *Before the Ballet* (detail), 1890/1892, oil on canvas, National Gallery of Art, Washington, Widener Collection

front, bottom: Georges Seurat, *Seascape at Port-en-Bessin, Normandy* (detail), 1888, oil on canvas, National Gallery of Art, Washington, Gift of the W. Averell Harriman Foundation in memory of Marie N. Harriman

back: Henri Edmond Cross, *Coast near Antibes* (detail), 1891/1892, oil on canvas, National Gallery of Art, Washington, John Hay Whitney Collection

CHILDREN'S AUDIO TOUR: WEST BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS

Explore fifty paintings in the West Building with an audio tour designed especially for children ages seven to twelve. Handheld digital audio players allow children the freedom to move at their own pace and choose from a list of works that include Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt van Rijn, Peter Paul Rubens, Claude Monet, and Winslow Homer. The audio tour is available free of charge at the Acoustiguide desk in the West Building Rotunda. For group reservations for audio tours (ten or more), call (202) 842-6592. The audio tour, with images, is also available on the Gallery's website at <http://www.nga.gov/education/timetravell/index.htm>.

The Children's Audio Tour at the National Gallery of Art is made possible through the generous support of the MSST Foundation.



film program

With an exciting selection of classics and recently produced foreign and domestic films, the National Gallery's Film Program for Children and Teens offers innovative film programming, enhances visitor enjoyment of the Gallery's collections and exhibitions, and fosters an understanding of film as an art form. Selected to appeal to both youth and adult audiences, the films are assigned age recommendations to assist parents in selecting the most emotionally and intellectually stimulating programs for their children. Feature films are in English, unless otherwise noted.

All film programs are shown in the East Building Auditorium. Seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups are welcome. Food and drink are not permitted. Programs are free. No advance registration.

Selections from the Silly Symphonies

Saturday July 7 | 10:30

Sunday, July 8 | 11:30

Wednesday, July 11 | 10:30

Ages 4 and up

From 1929 to 1939, Walt Disney produced the animated short film series the Silly Symphonies, a revolutionary celebration of sound and image as never experienced before. The highly successful series gave Disney the opportunity to encourage animators and composers to experiment with their art forms. The seventy-five shorts produced throughout the decade strove to explore new animation techniques, develop original and soon-to-be classic characters like Donald Duck and Pluto, and interpret musical scores with moving pictures in unexpected ways. This special selection of ten 35 mm films from the Disney vault features *The Tortoise and the Hare* (1935), *The Three Little Pigs* (1933), *King Neptune* (1932), *The Goddess of Spring* (1934), *Flowers and Trees* (1932), *Midnight in a Toy Shop* (1930), *Bugs in Love* (1932), *Babes in the Woods* (1932), *Water Babies* (1935), and *The Cookie Carnival* (1935). Approximately 60 minutes.

To receive monthly announcements about upcoming programs, subscribe to the Gallery's e-newsletter for families: <http://subscribe.nga.gov>.



Classic Looney Tunes

Wednesday, August 8 | 10:30

Saturday, August 11 | 10:30

Sunday, August 12 | 11:30

Ages 6 and up

Join us for a screening of animated shorts from Warner Bros.' Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies series. Beginning as theatrical releases in the 1930s and moving to network television in the 1950s, cartoons featuring the comedic timing of Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, and Porky Pig have been making audiences laugh for more than seventy years. The program will include, among others: *One Froggy Evening* (1955), *What's Opera, Doc?* (1957), and *Tweetie Pie* (1947). Approximately 60 minutes.

performance

A Perfect Balance

Friday, June 29 | 11:00

East Building Auditorium

Ages 6 and up

Actor and visual artist Kevin Reese presents *A Perfect Balance*, a one-man play inspired by Alexander Calder's mobiles. Celebrating the creative process, playfulness, and invention, this magical show will delight children and adults. Approximately 60 minutes. Seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis; doors will open at 10:30.

SUMMER DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Our summer programs are organized into two series – Stories in Art (ages 4–7) and Artful Conversations (ages 8–11) – designed to engage children and adults with works of art in the galleries.

These free drop-in programs are designed for individual families, and we cannot accommodate groups. Space is limited to sixty children per session. There is no advance registration; participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. As a courtesy to the group, we will only accept sign-in for children in the age ranges listed. For information, call (202) 789-3030.

artful conversations

Ages 8 – 11

Designed for children and adults to participate in together, this series of programs uses observation and discussion to explore works of art in the collection. Led by museum educators, each program focuses on one work of art in the galleries.

Sign-in for Artful Conversations will take place in the West Building Rotunda, beginning at 11:30 on Sundays and Wednesdays, and will continue until all spaces are filled.

ARTFUL CONVERSATIONS SUMMER SERIES

Many museum visitors spend only seconds looking at a work of art. Find out what you can discover when you spend an hour exploring one work of art! Bring your observation skills, imagination, and curiosity to these guided discussions that delve deep into masterpieces from the Gallery's collection. Each participant will receive a booklet to accompany this series. If you attend three programs, you will receive a prize!

Week 1: American and British Art

Sunday, July 15 | noon | 2:00
Wednesday, July 18 | noon | 2:00

Week 2: French Art

Sunday, July 22 | noon | 2:00
Wednesday, July 25 | noon | 2:00

Week 3: Italian and Spanish Art

Sunday, July 29 | noon | 2:00
Wednesday, August 1 | noon | 2:00

Week 4: Dutch and Flemish Art

Sunday, August 5 | noon | 2:00
Wednesday, August 8 | noon | 2:00

stories in art

Ages 4 – 7

This series of programs uses storytelling to introduce children to works of art. Led by museum educators, each program includes reading a children's book, looking at one work of art in the galleries, and completing a simple hands-on activity. The summer series is presented in a four-year cycle — Explore Italy, Discover Dutch Art, Tour de France, and American Adventure — where each topic highlights a different part of the permanent collection.

Sign-in for Stories in Art will take place in the West Building Rotunda, beginning at 10:00 on weekdays and at 11:00 on Sundays, and will continue until all spaces are filled.

SUMMER STORY SERIES: TOUR DE FRANCE

Would you like to visit France this summer? Pack your imagination and travel to the National Gallery of Art! Explore scenes of France, from its countryside to the bustling urban center of Paris, through works of art in the French galleries. You'll meet French artists in children's books, investigate paintings, and make a souvenir to document each adventure. Participants will receive a passport to the summer story series and a stamp for each program attended. At the end of the summer, children with three or more stamps will receive a prize!

Auguste Renoir

The Cows Are Going to Paris by David Kirby and Allen Woodman, illustrated by Chris L. Demarest

Sunday, July 15 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | 3:30
Monday, July 16 | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30
Tuesday, July 17 | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30

Join a herd of cows in a sightseeing adventure in Paris. Visit the Eiffel Tower, the Pont Neuf, shops, and cafés, then explore the city through a painting by Auguste Renoir.

Claude Monet

The Magical Garden of Claude Monet by Laurence Anholt

Sunday, July 22 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | 3:30
Monday, July 23 | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30
Tuesday, July 24 | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30

Travel to the French countryside to learn about Claude Monet's gardens, then create a colorful work of art with oil pastels.

Edgar Degas

Bijou, Bonbon & Beau: The Kittens Who Danced for Degas by Joan Sweeney, illustrated by Leslie Wu

Sunday, July 29 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | 3:30
Monday, July 30 | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30
Tuesday, July 31 | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30

Visit the Paris Opéra and learn about the ballerinas who inspired Edgar Degas, then color your own theater scene.

Vincent van Gogh

Katie and the Sunflowers by James Mayhew

Sunday, August 5 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | 2:30 | 3:30
Monday, August 6 | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30
Tuesday, August 7 | 10:30 | 11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30

Join Katie's imaginative adventure through museum masterpieces, explore Vincent van Gogh's still-life paintings, and make your own flower-filled work of art to take home.



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This quarterly publication includes a calendar of events for kids at the National Gallery of Art, with program descriptions and dates.

Please send your comments or suggestions to family@nga.gov.



Summer 2012

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Family Activities
at the National Gallery
of Art, Washington

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Upcoming Activities

Would you like to know the schedule of family programs before you receive this brochure? Check our website regularly for the most up-to-date calendar: www.nga.gov/programs/family.htm.

Reminder

Events and street closings occur year-round on the Mall. Please allow sufficient time to get to the Gallery. The nearest Metrorail stops are Judiciary Square on the Red Line, Archives on the Yellow/Green Lines, and Smithsonian on the Blue/Orange Lines. Metrobus stops are located on Fourth Street and Seventh Street NW.

Subscribe

Subscribe to the Gallery's e-newsletter for family, teen, and other programs: <http://subscribe.nga.gov>.