



## November 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.

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# Family FUSE Weekend



Each year the Vancouver Art Gallery will host 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.

### November 20 & 21, 2009

#### Green World

This *Family FUSE Weekend* explores the **Green World**: from a sense of awe and wonder with nature to the human desire to shape and change our environment. Participate in sound and animation workshops, take in film and live dance, and tour the exhibitions. This program of artists, filmmakers and performers will provide a provocative and playful look at the ways in which artists respond to the natural world. For more information about *Family FUSE Weekend*, call 604-662-4700 or visit [http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events\\_and\\_programs/children\\_family.html](http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events_and_programs/children_family.html).

Kids under 12 free, when accompanied by an adult.



### 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, November 7**

*Art and Life* – Listen to the words of Canadian artists Emily Carr and Jack Shadbolt, and learn more about their lives and paintings.

#### **Saturday, November 14**

*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, November 21 – Family FUSE Weekend**

(see above)

#### **Saturday, November 28**

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



### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 November 8**

1. *Make a statement, make an imprint* – Explore Joyce Weiland's *O Canada* and create your own visual statement.
2. *Responding to Contemporary Art* – Take a sketch book, a stool and a pencil and search for a work in *From the Collection: Is Only the Mind Allowed to Wander* that causes you to think, feel or want to do something. Respond to it using your imagination and whatever The Making Place has to offer.
3. *Collaborative Body* – Add your own distinct section or mark to the collaborative drawing.

**Sunday November 22 – Family FUSE Weekend**

1. *Textiles and sculptures* – Create a textile work using everyday materials and your imagination.
2. *Painting with Feathers, painting with string, painting with fabric (almost anything)* – Find inspiration from Mina Totino’s works and create your own unique painting.
3. *Family FUSE Weekend Collaborative Mural* – What have you seen today? What have you loved to do? What do you think? Create a painting, drawing or sculpture to express what you think and feel. Add to it to the *Family FUSE Weekend* mural.

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