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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST SUMMER ART PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

ALBANY, NY– The Albany Institute of History & Art will present a series of summer art programs for children ages 3-5 and 6-12. These programs explore a variety of different mediums and themes and participants are encouraged to apply what they learn from the programs to create their own works of art throughout the summer. Scholarships may be available, so please inquire by contacting Barbara Collins at (518) 463-4478, ext. 405 or collinsb@albanyinstitute.org.

ARTFUL MORNINGS

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9AM – Noon

Ages 6-12

Join us to experiment with size, color and more as we make beautiful pieces of art! In these weekly, three day morning programs, children will create vibrant works of art inspired by our summer exhibitions as well as permanent collection. We will explore a variety of topics including patterns, photography, Egypt, and the natural world. Summer class techniques include painting, sculpture, printing, and collage.

\$45 for members; \$60 for non-members (includes museum admission)

Registration is required and space is limited. Please register online at albanyinstitute.org or call Barbara at (518) 463-4478, ext. 405.

SESSIONS:

SMALL AND SPECIAL

WEEK 1: JULY 1, 2, 3

Step in and take a close look at the Albany Institute's vibrant collection of small scale contemporary art! We'll take things down to a small scale and create lively works like dioramas, small sculpture, and tiny multimedia pieces.

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BIG AND BRIGHT!

WEEK 2: JULY 8, 9, 10

Think big! This week we'll spread out and work on a large scale to create bold new works. We'll build big as we delve into the world of sculpture, and make room for other bright and fun large works of art.

IT'S A COLORFUL WORLD!

WEEK 3: JULY 15, 16, 17

Explore the world of color and learn more about color schemes, contemporary colors, and how to make things pop!

PLAYFUL PORTRAITS

WEEK 4: JULY 22, 23, 24

Join us as we investigate the Albany Institute's portraiture and use it as inspiration for our own multimedia projects. We'll experiment with drawing, painting, and more! You'll also have the opportunity to be inspired by our 19th century sculpture, and carve and paint your own figure.

PATTERNS, PATTERNS, PATTERNS!

WEEK 5: JULY 29, 30, 31

Discover the world of pattern-making with us! We'll be inspired by the patterns on glass, vases, and dishware in the Albany Institute's collection and try out our own designs with techniques like scraffito. We'll also enjoy printmaking, clay, and other art mediums.

SNAP TO IT!

WEEK 6: AUGUST 5, 6, 7

Join us as we use the Albany Institute's photography exhibition as motivation in our own work. We'll experiment with transferring images, altering photographs, and found images. Photographs and photography will be the starting inspiration as we take the images into our own hands.

BEAUTIFUL BOTANICALS

WEEK 7: AUGUST 12, 13, 14

This week we'll plant some ideas together and watch our art grow! We'll find signs of plant life within the galleries and create our own beautiful pieces of art. We'll plant landscapes and trees, while trying out different perspectives and color schemes. We'll also use real natural items in collages and prints.

GREEN ART

WEEK 6: AUGUST 19, 20, 21

Let's go green! We'll see how eco-friendly we can get as we use recycled materials into great new art work. This week we'll create our own homemade recycled paper, and use it to paint, draw, and collage. We'll also create sculpture, prints and more using recycled materials!

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EGYPTOMANIA!

WEEK 9: AUGUST 26, 27, 28

Let's celebrate this month's reinstallation of the mummies! Together we'll learn more about the Albany Institute's mummies, as well as ancient Egyptian symbols, gods, and goddesses. We'll try our hand at some model mummification, as well as experiment in clay and jewelry.

'TUTE FOR TOTS

Fridays 10AM – 11:30 AM

Ages 3-5 with an Adult

Join us for a colorful world of fun as we discover nature within the Albany Institute's collection! Together we'll explore the galleries, read stories, and create our own exciting art projects. In the studio we'll create our artwork using methods like finger paint, wet on wet painting, tissue paper staining, collage, and more! Each week will relate and build upon the previous classes; however, classes can be taken individually.

Per child: \$6 for members; \$8 for non-members

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CLOUDS

JULY 11TH

Look to the skies! We'll see how many images of clouds we can find in the galleries and use them as inspiration for our own fluffy cloudscapes.

MOON

JULY 18TH

Join us to discover images of the moon and the night. Together we'll discover the shapes of the moon and experiment with texture as we create our own moon artwork.

SUN

JULY 25TH

Shine bright with us as we discover artist's views of the sun, and create beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

RAINBOWS

AUGUST 1ST

Let's explore color! Together we'll find out what colors are in rainbows and find rainbows and their colors in the galleries. We'll make our own bright, beautiful rainbows to bring home.

WATER

AUGUST 8TH

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Water, water, everywhere! Let's see how many pieces of artwork we can find with water in them and create our own fun, watery art!

ROCKS

AUGUST 15TH

This class rocks! Rocks have great textures and shapes to discover. Join us as we find pictures with rocks in the Albany Institute's galleries. We'll have a blast adding rock designs into our own landscape pictures.

TREES

AUGUST 22ND

What can be as lovely as a tree? Join us for a tree-ific time as we find trees in the galleries and "grow" our own tree art.

ANIMALS

AUGUST 29TH

Join us as we moo-ve on over to the galleries and see how many animals we find! We'll create our own animal art to bring home as well!

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The Albany Institute is open Wednesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM, Thursday until 8PM, and Sunday Noon-5PM. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and some holidays. Admission is FREE for Albany Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. Thursday evenings (5PM-8PM) are now FREE at the Albany Institute! For more information and a listing of our upcoming events, please visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

The Albany Institute's distinguished collections and acclaimed exhibitions comprise the definitive expression of the cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. From its world-renowned Hudson River School collection, to the famous Albany Mummies, to the wide range of lectures, outstanding educational and family programming, and special events, this distinctive and engaging institution provides visitors of all ages and interests with a splendid museum experience. One of America's oldest museums, the Albany Institute of History & Art was founded in 1791, during the presidency of George Washington, making it older than the Louvre, the Smithsonian, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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