



CALENDAR LISTING

CELEBRATE CULTURE, CREATIVITY, AND FUN WITH CMOM'S DIVERSE WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

All Activities Free with Museum Admission



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- **Alphie's Storytime: George Washington's Birthday: A Mainly True Tale**

Celebrate George Washington's birthday through an interactive story and party for our first President of the United States!

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Fashion Forward!

Discover the innovative designs of costume designers Ruth E. Carter and Chez Zelda as

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Winter Recess: Color Our World with Creativity

Join GRAMMY® Winners Divi Roxx and Ants on a Log for joyful music that celebrates self-love, create your own colorful artworks with Ebony Bolt and Monica Palma, dance along with Ballet Hispánico and Dancify That, and more!

- **Performance: DIVI ROXX KIDS: A Celebration of Self-Love, Positivity & Hip-Hop**

A Divi Roxx Kids live show is an engaging and interactive celebration of self-love and positivity for kids and families. Divinity’s first family music album, Ready, Set, Go!, was GRAMMY® nominated, and she is currently nominated again for her second album for kids, World Wide Playdate that released in 2024.

Saturday, February 15 | 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm & 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | Inside Art

- **Artist: Ebony Bolt: Original Textile Artwork**

Join artist Ebony Bolt for an interactive artmaking workshop informed by her creative practice and mural installation Driving the Future (currently on view). Design your own wearable artwork using custom stamps inspired by motifs found in the artist’s work.

Sunday, February 16 | 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm | Sign-up | Ages 5 & older | 1st Floor | Makerspace*

- Performance: Ballet Hispánico: Baila Conmigo/Dance with Me!**
 Learn about Ballet Hispánico's repertoire and explore different dance forms from Latino America with the Pa'lante dancers and our teaching artists. The program will showcase excerpts from the Company's repertoire and close with an interactive experience for everyone to dance and enjoy.
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- Music: Ants on a Log: Rainbow Seekers**
 Rainbow Seekers is an interactive family musical from nationally acclaimed children's band Ants on a Log. In this interactive show, audience members are on a mission to restore the Pride Flag's colors.
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- Workshop: Cochinilla y arcilla with Mónica Palma**
 In this workshop, families will draw with two natural pigments: clay and cochinilla. Cochinilla is a tiny insect that lives on nopales, a cactus that produces a bright red color that has been utilized since pre-Columbian times in Central and South America.
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Art from the Heart!

Celebrate artists Betye Saar and Alma Woodsey Thomas, who used everyday objects and bold patterns to open possibilities for other Black artists to explore new forms!

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 Bend, twist and sculpt your own found object sculpture inspired by Betye Saar.
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Monday, February 17

- **Right to Voice: Presidential Campaign Posters**

In honor of Presidents' Day, CMOM invites you to create a poster highlighting your goals for a better nation!

Monday, February 17 | 10:30 am – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | Inside Art & Makerspace

- **Flag of Hope Installation**

In celebration of Presidents' Day, write your wish for our country on a paper star and add to our installation.

Monday, February 17 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | PlayWorks

- **Alphie's Storytime: George Washington's Birthday: A Mainly True Tale**

Celebrate George Washington's birthday through an interactive story and party for our first President of the United States!

Monday, February 17 | 4:00 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | PlayWorks

Fashion Forward!

Discover the innovative designs of costume designers Ruth E. Carter and Chez Zelda as you create your own colorful and wearable masterpieces.

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- **Fashion on the Go: Inspired by Ruth E. Carter and Chez Zelda**

Make your own stylish tote bag, decorating it with your favorite designs, patterns, and colors, inspired by the works of costume designers Ruth E. Carter and Chez Zelda!

Tuesday – Friday, February 18 – 21 | 10:30 am – 1:30 pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | Makerspace

- **Style by ME: Self Portrait**

Create your own self portrait and design your own outfits with your very own paper "you"!

Tuesday – Friday, February 18 – 21 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | PlayWorks

Winter Recess: Color Our World with Creativity

Join GRAMMY® Winners Divi Roxx and Ants on a Log for joyful music that celebrates self-love, create your own colorful artworks with Ebony Bolt and Monica Palma, dance along with Ballet Hispánico and Dancify That, and more!

- **Performance: DIVI ROXX KIDS: A Celebration of Self-Love, Positivity & Hip-Hop**

A Divi Roxx Kids live show is an engaging and interactive celebration of self-love and positivity for kids and families. Divinity's first family music album, Ready, Set, Go!, was GRAMMY® nominated, and she is currently nominated again for her second album for kids, World Wide Playdate that released in 2024.

Saturday, February 15 | 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm & 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | Inside Art

- **Artist: Ebony Bolt: Original Textile Artwork**

Join artist Ebony Bolt for an interactive artmaking workshop informed by her creative practice and mural installation Driving the Future (currently on view). Design your own wearable artwork using custom stamps inspired by motifs found in the artist's work.

Sunday, February 16 | 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm | Sign-up | Ages 5 & older | 1st Floor | Makerspace*

- **Performance: Ballet Hispánico: Baila Conmigo/Dance with Me!**

Learn about Ballet Hispánico's repertoire and explore different dance forms from Latino America with the Pa'lante dancers and our teaching artists. The program will showcase excerpts from the Company's repertoire and close with an interactive experience for everyone to dance and enjoy.

Tuesday, February 18 | 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm & 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | Inside Art

- **Performance: Dancify That: Color Guard**

A playful dance competition featuring dancers competing, with an audience vote to decide the winner.

Wednesday, February 19 | 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm & 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | Inside Art

- **Music: Ants on a Log: Rainbow Seekers**

Rainbow Seekers is an interactive family musical from nationally acclaimed children's band Ants on a Log. In this interactive show, audience members are on a mission to restore the Pride Flag's colors.

Friday, February 21 | 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 – 11 | 1st Floor | Inside Art

- **Workshop: Cochinilla y arcilla with Mónica Palma**

In this workshop, families will draw with two natural pigments: clay and cochinilla. Cochinilla is a tiny insect that lives on nopales, a cactus that produces a bright red color that has been utilized since pre-Columbian times in Central and South America.

Sunday, February 23 | 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm | Sign-up | Ages 5 & older | 1st Floor | Makerspace*

Art from the Heart!

Celebrate artists Betye Saar and Alma Woodsey Thomas, who used everyday objects and bold patterns to open possibilities for other Black artists to explore new forms!

Tuesday – Friday, February 25 – 28

- **Betye Saar Found Object Assemblage Sculptures**

Bend, twist and sculpt your own found object sculpture inspired by Betye Saar.

Tuesday – Friday, February 25 – 28 | 10:30 am – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

- **Alma Woodsey Thomas Pattern Painting**

Create your own patterned artwork while exploring color mixing with watercolor and oil pastel inspired by Alma Woodsey Thomas!

Tuesday – Friday, February 25 – 28 | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | PlayWorks

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