81st Street Studio: Where Art and Science Meet Saturday, Sep 9, 2023, 12–5 pm

COOL CASTANETS
Make your own musical instruments—then bring them to life through dance! Carson Family Hall West, Uris Center for Education

DESIGN YOUR OWN BAG
Create your own bag to carry your science tools and 81st Street Studio Family Field Guide. Carson Family Hall West, Uris Center for Education

ROLL A CYLINDER SEAL
Get hands-on with ancient Near Eastern art, and make a keepsake to take home. Carroll Classroom, Uris Center for Education

TINKER WITH CLAY
Take a seat at the potter’s wheel or make a pinch pot as you explore how clay can take many forms. Carroll Classroom, Uris Center for Education

HEARTY HELMETS
Use a variety of metals to create your own helmet inspired by artworks at The Met. Will yours be fancy, sturdy, or scary? Studio, Uris Center for Education

STACKING SCULPTURES
How high can you go? Construct a wood-glue sculpture and rise to the challenge! Studio, Uris Center for Education

Storytelling and More

FAMILY PHOTO BOOTH
Celebrate the day with a fun family portrait. Carson Family Hall West, Uris Center for Education

FIELD GUIDE ADVENTURE
Go on an art and science adventure! Pick up your 81st Street Studio Family Field Guide and explore artworks made of wood, clay, and metal in the Museum. Carson Family Hall West, Uris Center for Education

Games on the Plaza

Let’s play! Grab a Hula-Hoop, join a game of chess, or test your skills at cornhole. David H. Koch Plaza, near 81st Street entrance

METKIDS MICROSCOPE WITH CAMP TV/THIRTEEN PBS
Check out the MetKids Microscope series with Camp TV/Thirteen PBS and The Met’s Digital Department. Art Studio, Uris Center for Education

Gallery Activities

ASK THE EXPERTS: METAL
Meet Met scientists and see how they put the STEAM in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math.). Gallery 162, Leon Levy and Shelby White Court, Floor 1

ASK THE EXPERTS: WOOD
Take a closer look at objects made of wood, and learn how Met scientists and conservators collaborate. Gallery 502, Floor 1

ASK THE EXPERTS: CONSERVATION
Have you ever wondered how we keep artworks safe for hundreds of years? Our conservators share all. Gallery 209, Floor 2

ASK THE EXPERTS: LIGHT
Did you know The Met has its very own art studio? Hear all about light from our Imaging Department experts. Gallery 202, Great Hall Balcony, Floor 2

NEED A BREAK?
Check out these quiet galleries and enjoy some art away from the action. Galleries 163–168, Leon Levy and Shelby White Court and Galleries, Greek and Roman Art, Floor 1; Gallery 208 and 233, Florence and Herbert Irving Asian Wing, Floor 2

You Might Also Like

FAMILY AFTERNOONS
Visit The Met every second Saturday of the month for Family Afternoons to learn more about exhibitions and explore a new theme every season through art making, activities, and Storytime. For families with kids ages 3–11 years

START WITH ART AND ART TREK
Enjoy art-making and gallery activities on the first and third Saturday of the month, starting September 16. For families with kids ages 3–6 and ages 7–11

STORYTIME RETURN!
Join us in the 81st Street Studio on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings starting September 16. For families with kids ages 2–5

P.S. ART: CELEBRATING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF NEW YORK CITY KIDS
Explore work by young artists in this annual exhibition by talented New York City public school students. Through October 22, 2023

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Schedule of Activities

We’re open! Come explore our new drop-in discovery and play space for kids ages 3–11 and their families and caregivers. Celebrate the grand opening with activities, storytelling, and more throughout the Museum.

All activities run continuously from 12 to 5 pm unless otherwise noted, and are subject to change. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor activities will not take place; please enjoy our indoor activities.

Space may be limited; first come, first served.

No admission is required for the 81st Street Studio or festival activities outside and in the Ruth and Harold D. Uris Center for Education; gallery activities are free with Museum admission.

ACCESSIBILITY

Visit the welcome table in Diane W. Burkle Hall, the Uris Center for Education for more information or assistance. Large-print and braille activity schedules are available.

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Performances and Music

MAKE MUSIC WITH THE MATERIAL ORCHESTRA
Enjoy interactive musical performances by artists in the 81st Street Studio!
12:30 pm, 2 pm, and 4 pm
81st Street Studio, Uris Center for Education

CINCO/FIVE WITH NEW YORK CITY CHILDREN’S THEATER
Join Piper the Puppet for a bilingual, interactive journey through the five boroughs with the five senses.
12:30 pm and 3:30 pm
Bonnie J. Sacerdote Lecture Hall, Uris Center for Education

FAMILY DANCE PARTY
Grab a pair of wireless headphones and get your groove on to tunes spun by young DJs. 12pm: DJ Sophia Rocks; 3pm: DJs Aura and Kayla
Carson Family Hall East, Uris Center for Education

GIANT BUBBLES POP-UP
Look out for surprise pop-up performances throughout the afternoon by BubbleMan Stephen Duncan! David H. Koch Plaza, near 81st Street entrance

Drop-in Art Making

Meet artists and make art inspired by The Met collection and the 81st Street Studio! Drop in anytime. Hands-on opportunities available. Unless otherwise noted, activities are best for ages 3 and up.

SUPERB SUN PRINTS
Use the power of light to create a work of art inspired by nature.
David H. Koch Plaza, near 81st Street entrance

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is situated on Lenapehoking, homeland of the Lenape peoples and historically a gathering and trading place for many diverse Native peoples, who continue to live and work on this island.

We respectfully acknowledge and honor all Indigenous communities—past, present, and future—for their ongoing and fundamental relationships to the region.

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The Interactive Museum Station in the 81st Street Studio was designed by Yamaha.