

COOL CULTURE eFamilyTime

Cool Culture® provides 50,000 underserved families with free, unlimited access to 90 cultural institutions – so that parents can provide their children with educational experience that will help them succeed in school and life.

e-Family Time Newsletter, brought to you by [Cool Culture](#)—January 2012

Discover faraway places with your family at the [Rubin Museum of Art!](#)



Lama performing long-life ritual. Image courtesy of Rubin Museum of Art.

Explore colorful artwork and cool objects from Asia's Himalaya Mountains at this cheery museum that welcomes families from everywhere.

Know Before You Go

Start your journey with a Yak Pack as your guide! This backpack is the perfect size for kids and is filled with activity cards that are fun for the whole family. It is available at the front desk and free to use during your visit.

You can also borrow magnifying glasses, so grab one to spot different patterns and shapes in the detailed artwork around you.

"We love to have all different families... and if it is their first time in a museum, that is just as great," says Aoife Pacheco, who is the Early Childhood & Family Learning Manager at the [Rubin Museum of Art](#).

Insider's Tip

Ask a museum guide to show you a touch cart. It's

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Did you know? When you and your child pretend together, your child develops language skills for school success!

At your next museum visit, pretend to be the paintings that you see. Ask your child, "If this painting were a movie, what would happen next in the story?"



Use your [Parent Starter Kit](#) to learn tips for using your Family Pass, and review a full listing of all Cool Culture partner museums, gardens and zoos! Don't have your Starter Kit? Ask your [Cultural Liaison](#) for a copy or [download it here](#).

[The Family Pass](#) provides free general

filled with miniature objects like sculptures and scroll paintings that are great learning tools for little visitors.

Must-See Museum Spots

There's plenty to do at this museum! Trace your imaginary trip through Asia's mountains on a giant map at the [Gateway to Himalayan Art](#) exhibition and learn why instruments like bells are so important—then search for them in the beautiful Tibetan shrine room.

Continue your adventure at the [Modernist Art from India: The Body Unbound](#) exhibition, which is filled with bright paintings of people in different settings. Hunt for the animals hiding in some of the artwork and see who can be the first to find the painting with the yellow taxi! Please note: This exhibit contains some works that depict nudes.

Free Family Activities

Play even more museum games at [drop-in workshops](#) (weekly, Wednesday - Saturday), FREE for Cool Culture members. Join other families at the education center for interactive tours, art projects, movement activities and more. Make new friends, connect to other cultures and share your own traditions!

"We want to connect the culture that we're sharing to the cultures of the people who come to visit," Ms. Pacheco says.

Save the Date:

Exciting Family Event on February 25th!

Celebrate a very cool tradition at the Rubin Museum of Art's upcoming [Family Day: Himalayan New Year Celebration](#). Join Cool Culture at the museum for live music, scavenger hunts, storytelling tours, group art projects and more at this day-long event on February 25th. It's FREE with your [Cool Culture Family Pass](#)!

To learn more about family-friendly programs and events at the Rubin Museum of Art, visit www.rmanyc.org!

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admission for up to 5 individuals any time the cultural institution is open! Don't forget to bring your ID and to HAVE FUN!

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JANUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Start 2012 with a family adventure!

EVENTS CALENDAR KEY:

FP = Free with Cool Culture Family Pass

FREE = Free to all, Cool Culture Family Pass not necessary

Friday, January 6

Three Kings Day Celebration, 10:30am - 1:00pm

See a beautiful parade through the streets of El Barrio with El Museo! Enjoy camels, puppetry, dancing and more. The parade route begins at 106th St. & Madison Ave. and ends at 115th St & Park Ave.

[EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO](#), Manhattan. All Ages. FREE

Saturday, January 7

We Three Kings, 1:00 - 2:00pm

Come see images of the Three Kings in sculpture and painting and discover the meanings of their special gifts!

[THE CLOISTERS](#), Manhattan. All Ages. FP

Saturday and Sunday, January 14 - 15

FREEDOM PILLOWS: FAMILY ART PROJECT, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Make a pillow with your own personal dream of freedom, drawing on the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King and traditional African American quilts. Use a wide array of cloth, yarn and felt to embellish your scene for your dream-time wish.

[WAVE HILL](#), Bronx. All Ages. FP

Saturday, January 21

ARTS FOR TOTS - SHAKE IT! 10:30am

Explore art materials and The Noguchi Museum galleries as a family with an interactive workshop. Reservations are required - sign-up soon because workshops fill up quickly!

[THE NOGUCHI MUSEUM](#), Queens. Ages 2 - 4. FP

Saturday and Sunday, January 21, 22

HIBERNATOR'S PAJAMA POP-IN, 10:00am - 4:30pm

Put on your PJs, pack up your teddy bear and head over to Wave Hill! Make an animal mask at the Family Art Project and hear tales of hibernating creatures. Enjoy cold weather fun outside and warm, fuzzy frolicking inside.

[WAVE HILL](#), Bronx. All Ages. FREE

Sunday, January 22

Lunar New Year Festival Family Day, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Join MOCA for a day of family festivities in celebration of the Lunar New Year! MOCA will ring in the year of the Dragon with family-friendly tours, workshops, a lion dancing performance, and arts and crafts activities.

[MUSEUM OF CHINESE IN AMERICA](#), Manhattan. All Ages. FP

Saturday and Sunday, January 28, 29

ASSIGNMENT: SUBWAY, 1:30pm

Have you ever wondered about the people who work underground, helping to keep our subways running safely and efficiently? Learn about all sorts of subway jobs on a fun, interactive tour. We'll handle artifacts, explore special areas of the Museum and make a badge for the subway job you'd most like to have!

[THE NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM](#), Brooklyn. All Ages. FP

FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR
Fall in love with fun family events!

Saturday, February 4

LITTLE DRAGON TALES: CHINESE CHILDREN'S SONGS, 1:30pm

Ring in the Year of the Dragon with songs! Join Dave Liang for an afternoon of Chinese children's songs with a modern twist in celebration of the Year of the Dragon and the release of his new CD, Little Dragon Tales: Chinese Children's Songs.

[MUSEUM OF CHINESE IN AMERICA](#), Manhattan. Ages 2 & Under. FP

Saturday, February 4

CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR: THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON, 11:00am - 4:00pm

Usher in good fortune and celebrate the Year of the Dragon with performances, interactive gallery activities, and art-making workshops for all ages.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF THE ART](#), Manhattan. All Ages. FP

Saturday and Sunday, February 11 - 12

HEARTS AND FLOWERS: FAMILY ART PROJECT, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Breathe in the fragrance of greenhouse blossoms and appreciate their colorful blooms. Use them as inspiration to make lovely, lacy and flowerful Valentine's Day cards.

[WAVE HILL](#), Bronx. All Ages. FP

GREAT ONGOING PROGRAMS
Family fun anytime, all the time!

Ongoing throughout the year

START WITH ART AT THE MET

Sketch, explore, listen to stories, and discover the meaning of art! Meet at Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, ground floor. Visit www.metmuseum.org for dates and times.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART](#), Manhattan. Ages 3-7 FP

Every Sunday

FREE DROP-IN ART WORKSHOPS, 1:30-4:30pm

Come for fun activities that will get you talking about the art on view! These programs are accessible to all families, including those whose children have special needs and those for whom English is a new language.

[QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART](#), Queens. Ages 5-12 FREE

Every third Saturday of the Month,

SUPER SABADO! 11:00am - 8:30pm

Open the door to the vibrancy and diversity of Latino Culture. Drop-in for free concerts, gallery tours, art-making workshops and more!

[EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO](#), Manhattan. All Ages FREE

Every Sunday

TARGET FREE SUNDAYS, 12:00 - 4:00pm

Come for free programs and events ranging from family workshops to theater performances. You can explore how art and visual communication can ignite the imagination, engage the mind and reflect our human experience - past, present and future!

[THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM](#), Manhattan. All Ages FREE

Every Sunday

FAMILY SUNDAYS AT THE JEWISH MUSEUM, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Choose from a variety of family-fun events including their Storybooks & Art session, and their Drop-In Art Workshop to engage in painting, sculpting, drawing or crafting. Every second Sunday from 12:00-3:00pm, they also have an Archaeological Digging Zone, where kids can dress up and explore unusual treasures!

[THE JEWISH MUSEUM](#), Manhattan. All Ages FP

Every Thursday

TRANSIT TOTS, 11:00am

Come by for story telling, games and more that stir the imagination. Enjoy the trains and subway stations from years ago in this weekly program specifically for the little ones in the family.

[THE NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM](#), Brooklyn. Ages 2 - 5. FP

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