School Tours

Experience highlights of the museum’s collection and special exhibitions with a tour led by a specially trained Exhibition Interpreter (guide). Tours are targeted to the students’ grade level. A small guide-to-student ratio and an inquiry-based approach called Visual Thinking Strategies encourage the exchange of ideas between students and the guide. Guided tours also incorporate multisensory exploration of the works of art in the galleries.

For students in grades 3–12, writing and drawing activities may be integrated into the tour.

Tours view art throughout the museum, including the following special exhibitions:

Lesley Dill’s Poetic Visions: From Shimmer to Sister Gertrude Morgan
September 29–December 9, 2012
Contemporary art at the intersection of language and fine art, drawing inspiration from the world’s faith traditions.

Carl Morris: History of Religions
Morris’ 1959 mural series manipulates form, space, light, color, and texture to depict abstract symbols.

West of Center: Art and the Counterculture
Opening May 2013
Explore life in historical and contemporary China, Japan, and Korea through art and artifacts.

Living Legacies
In celebration of the JSMA’s 80th anniversary, this exhibition showcases masterworks in local collections.

Artful Animals (K–5)
The theme of animals in art is the basis for this cross-cultural exploration.

Faces and Places (K–12)
Investigate art depicting people and places across the times and cultures.

Learning to Look (K–12)
This introductory tour focuses on the elements of art (line, shape, color, texture) and provides students with strategies and vocabulary to discuss a variety of art forms.

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Add an optional studio art activity to any tour.

Studio activities are led by an art educator and provide a hands-on opportunity to further explore themes and images from the tour and the museum’s collection.

Timing

Tours are available Monday through Thursday, and Friday mornings at 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15, and are approximately forty-five minutes in length. Studio activities are an additional forty-five minutes.

Fees and scholarships

Tour fee: $2 per student
Studio activity fee: $1–$3 per student, depending on your school’s percentage of students in the subsidized lunch program.

Payment by check, MasterCard, or Visa is due prior to your tour date.

Funding is available to subsidize bus transportation and/or provide reduced tour and studio activity fees. To apply for scholarship assistance, indicate your school’s Title 1 percentage on the tour request form. Contact the Tour Coordinator at 541.346.0910 for more information.

Submitting your tour request

Fax or mail the School Tour Request Form or submit it online at http://jsma.uoregon.edu. Phone requests will not be accepted.

Preparing for your tour

A planning packet, including an invoice and a complimentary guest pass, will be mailed to you to confirm your reservation. We encourage you to preview the exhibitions before visiting with your students.

For most tours, an Exhibition Interpreter is available to visit your classroom in advance to prepare your students for their field trip. The pre-tour visit is twenty to thirty minutes and is offered at no additional cost. The lead Exhibition Interpreter for your tour will contact you to make arrangements.

Information

For more information on school programs, email jsmatour@uoregon.edu, call 541.346.0910, or visit http://jsma.uoregon.edu/

The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art offers a variety of programs that enrich classroom instruction and serve as arts education resources for K–12 students and teachers.
Type of Tour Requested

- Artful Animals
- Explore Asia!
- Faces and Places

Studio Activity Requested

- Studio art activity. Can only be conducted with a tour; fee is $1 – $3 per student.

Dates Requested

Tours are conducted on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 a.m. Fill in preferred dates and circle desired times below:

First Choice Date _____________________________________________
9:15 a.m.  10:15 a.m.  11:15 a.m.
Second Choice Date ___________________________________________
9:15 a.m.  10:15 a.m.  11:15 a.m.
Third Choice Date _____________________________________________
9:15 a.m.  10:15 a.m.  11:15 a.m.

Scholarships

To apply for scholarship funds, indicate the percentage of your students who receive subsidized lunches: ___________%.

Additional Teacher Resources

- ArtsAsia: Enhance your classroom lesson plans with curriculum guides and kits focusing on Chinese, Japanese, and Korean art. Contact abia@uoregon.edu.
- Outreach Kits: Curriculum materials lent free of charge for classroom use. Contact lsuvreges@uoregon.edu.
- Teacher Professional Development: Friday, October 12, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Thinking Through Art workshop will focus on artists who use language in their work and will include art production and writing activities. Participants will utilize Visual Thinking Strategies and receive a copy of a curriculum packet. Contact ataylor3@uoregon.edu.
- Dragon Theatre Puppeteers: The museum’s puppet shows relate to curricular units on Asian and Native American folktales and celebrations. Cost is $1/child. Contact jmatour@uoregon.edu.
- NewArt Northwest Kids: Annual K–12 student art show. Contact jmatour@uoregon.edu.
- ArtsBridge America: University of Oregon student art scholars pair with teachers to integrate arts education into the classroom. Contact abia@uoregon.edu.
- Educator Membership Discount: Educators are eligible for $20 discount on individual or family membership. Contact jmarmember@uoregon.edu to join today!

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