GET CREATIVE at Family Festival Day!

It’s all about Japan: investigate the rich traditions of art-making and culture in a daylong celebration of the exhibition Looking East: Western Artists and the Allure of Japan. Learn how Western artists like Vincent van Gogh and Mary Cassatt borrowed from Japanese culture to push art-making in new directions. Make a “fish” print, create a kimono, or paint a scroll painting.

PERFORMANCES

Gyotaku Printing Demonstration
1:00–4:45 p.m. • Turner Courtyard (Weather permitting)
Watch artist Susan McGolrick as she uses fresh fish and sumi ink to demonstrate the traditional Japanese art of gyotaku or fish printing.

Artful Tales: “Wings of a Blue Jay”
1:15, 2:45, and 4:15 p.m. • Auditorium (Main Level)
Listen and play along as storyteller Thandiwe Shiprah shares a lyrical narrative inspired by haiku, the natural world, and Japanese culture.

Bushin Dojo Aikido Finale
5:00 p.m. • Turner Courtyard (Weather permitting)
Learn about the Japanese martial art of aikido as students from the Bushin Dojo demonstrate various empty hand techniques and traditional weapons including the sword and the staff.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

The Haiku Lab
1:15, 2:00, and 3:30 p.m. • Information Desk (Main Level)
Find out how magnets, marching, and a deep breath can help you make literary art with Stephanie Pruitt, poet and teaching artist. With family and friends, you’ll explore Claude Monet’s Grainstack (Sunset) as the subject for a collaborative poem. Experiment in the Haiku Lab and see what you can write with 17 syllables!

More great hands-on activities on the back!
CALLIGRAPHY IN MOTION
1:00–4:45 p.m.
Turner Courtyard (Weather permitting)
Use unusual “brushes” and your whole body to test brushstrokes and practice Japanese calligraphy techniques.

MANGA FACE
1:00–5:00 p.m.
Studio A (Upper-Level)
Work with teaching artist Holly Errigo to draw a manga inspired mask. Afterwards, put on a kawaii (cute) costume and capture your look with a selfie.

KIMONO COLLAGE
1:00–5:00 p.m.
Studio B (Upper-Level)
Collage a kimono using decorative paper, ribbon, and your imagination. Blend together color, pattern, and materials to invent a fabulous new costume.

MOUNTAINS OF GOLD
1:00–5:00 p.m.
Studio C (Upper-Level)
Use metallic sumi ink and black paper to paint a magical landscape inspired by Japanese lacquer ware.

KINOKOBORI WIND SOCKS
1:00–4:45 p.m.
Turner Courtyard (Weather permitting)
Celebrate the arrival of spring! Decorate a paper carp wind sock, and practice flying it in the Turner Courtyard.

MARTIN ARTQUEST GALLERY
1:00–5:30 p.m. (Upper-Level)
Visit the Martin ArtQuest Gallery to experiment with a variety of exciting hands-on art activities ranging from figure drawing to printmaking. Sketch a dancing geisha, create a paper lantern, and enjoy additional art-making activities with your family.

FISH PRINTING
1:00–4:45 p.m.
Turner Courtyard (Weather permitting)
Try your hand at the Japanese printing technique called gyotaku using rubber fish, rice paper, and sumi ink. Visit the galleries and find other examples of fish-inspired art.

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