

Cultural Arts Adventures

for January 2012

The Cultural Arts Committee would like to recommend some adventurous upcoming events for Wolftrap families:

A series of winter activities at the National Gallery of Art:

<http://www.nga.gov/programs/family/>

Asteria (Sylvia Rhyne, soprano, and Eric Redlinger, tenor and lute) (FREE)

February 5 at 1:00PM (45 minutes)

Also that evening at 6:30PM (full concert)

West Building Main Floor, West Garden Court

(ages 7 and up) brings to life the songs of medieval Burgundy, transporting listeners back to the age of chivalry. Eric and Sylvia will demonstrate their instruments, sing songs and talk about what it was like in the medieval world of knights, ladies, troubadours, and kings.

Stories in Art: Henri Matisse

January 15, 22, 29 at 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 (60 minutes)

East Building Ground Level

(ages 4-7) A Bird or Two: A Story about Henri Matisse by Bijou Le Tord

Explore French artist Henri Matisse's unique cutouts, influenced by the bold colors and underwater forms of the South Seas. Then, creatively arrange your own brightly colored collage.

Family Art Workshop: Balancing Act

Jan 15 – Feb 20 at various times

East Building Concourse, Education Studio

(ages 8–11) Investigate Edgar Degas's wax sculptures of dancers and horses, and learn how to construct your own sculpture using a wire armature and clay. (Registration begins at noon on Jan 11)

Monster Mash – children's films (FREE)

February 4 at 10:30AM

February 5 at 11:30AM

East Building Concourse, Auditorium

(ages 5 and up) A series of animated shorts featuring furry and fun-loving monsters of all sorts, sizes, and shapes, including "The Gruffalo".

See also their series of other films for kids, including a poetry slam from Chicago, and "The Sound of Music" from a Mumbai slum:

<http://www.nga.gov/programs/filmchild/>

elsewhere (see below for the links):

"Peter and the Wolf" at The Puppet Company at Glen Echo Park through Feb 19

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, January 14th, 8:00 p.m. Mason's Center for the Arts, Fairfax

Sunday, January 15th, 3:00 p.m. Hylton Performing Arts Center, Manassas

CHILDREN'S THEATER

Please find time to introduce your child to live theater by attending a play at one of these local children's theater companies:

<http://adventuretheatre.org/08nowshowing/nowshowing.html>

<http://discoverytheater.org/family/shows/shows.shtm>

http://encorestage.org/TCT/season_schedule.html

<http://imaginationstage.org/shows-a-tickets/now-playing>

<http://www.synetictheater.org/programs/season.html>

<http://www.thepuppetco.org/schedule/main/>

http://www.marylandensemble.org/fun_company

brief summary of current shows here:

<http://theatreindc.com/childrens.php>

A comprehensive index of reviews for all DC-area theater can usually be found here:

<http://dctheatrescene.com/their-reviews/>

FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS LINKS

Kids concerts at Jammin' Java

(including weekday morning toddler shows)

<http://jamminjava.com/home/kids-events/list>

<http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/family/>

<http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/Passport.shtml>

(\$5 student tickets)

Organ recitals at the National Cathedral

<http://www.nationalcathedral.org/arts/concerts.shtml>