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**THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART AND COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN PRESENTS FREE
FAMILY DAY 2010: LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – How do you capture a beam of light or a dancer in mid-flight? Visitors to the Corcoran Gallery of Art will ignite their curiosity in a world where art and invention come together at **Family Day 2010: Lights, Camera, Action!** This FREE celebration for the entire family will take place **Sunday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Corcoran.** Family Day: Lights, Camera, Action! has been made possible by the generous support of the Bollerer Family.

Children and adults alike will have the opportunity to participate in art-making workshops, experience the magic of illusion in the theatre, unlock the mysteries of light and motion through dazzling performances, and explore the Corcoran's permanent collection through special tours for all ages. Events are inspired by the Corcoran's special exhibitions *Helios: Eadweard Muybridge in a Time of Change* and *Turner to Cézanne: Masterpieces from the Davies Collection, National Museum Wales*. Admission to this full day of inspiring fun is free and no registration is required. For information online, visit www.corcoran.org/family/family_day.php.



LIVE PERFORMANCES – The Gallery is alive with music, acrobats, and optical illusion!

Aerial Dance

10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.; First Floor, North Atrium

Marvel at the motion of **Arachne Aerial Arts** as they take dance to new heights.

Circus Variety Act

10:40 a.m., 11:40 a.m., and 12:40 p.m.; First Floor, North Atrium

From fanciful ribbon dancers to body bending acrobats, **Cirque-tacular Entertainment** has all the right moves.

Magic-Lantern Show

11a.m., 12p.m., and 1 p.m.; First Floor, Auditorium

Step back in time before movies existed and enjoy an authentic Victorian-era magic lantern show by the **American Magic-Lantern Theater**. The show lasts approximately 30 minutes.

GALLERY ADVENTURES –Journey through the Gallery to find inspiration:



Animal Locomotion Tours

10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m., First Floor, South Atrium

Stroll through the wilderness and spy what gallops, prowls, slithers, and soars. Tours last approximately 30 minutes.

Musical Walking Tours

11a.m., 12 p.m., and 1p.m.; First Floor, South Atrium

Let the music of **Virginia Virtuosi** animate the gallery experience. Tours last approximately 30 minutes.

DROP-IN WORKSHOPS – Visitors exercise creativity and unlock the mystery of motion in hands-on art workshops:

Inventions and Illusions

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Second Floor, Bridge

Construct optical illusions and inventions that spin, twirl, and amaze with artist **Kathleen Manning**.

My Flip Book

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Quiet on set, camera rolling! Become an action star and **Pics N Motion, LLC** will transform a six second video into a flip book to take home.

What a Relief!

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Basement, Education Workshop

Capture the motion of animals such as horses, lions, and birds with printmaker **Manuel Navarette**.

Face Painting

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Basement, Ceramics Studio

Animal face painting by **About Faces**.

ABOUT THE CORCORAN

The Corcoran Gallery of Art, a privately funded institution, was founded in 1869 as Washington's first and largest nonfederal museum of art. It is known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art as well as contemporary art, photography, European painting, sculpture and the decorative arts. Founded in 1890, the Corcoran College of Art + Design is Washington's only four-year college of art and design offering BFA degrees in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Fine Art Photography, Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Photojournalism; a B.A. in Art Studies; a five-year Bachelor of Fine Arts/ Master of Arts in Teaching (BFA/MAT); and MA degrees in Art and the Book, Art Education, Exhibition Design, Interior Design and the Smithsonian-Corcoran History of Decorative Arts. The College's Continuing Education program offers part-time credit and non-credit classes for children and adults and draws more than 2,500 participants each year.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS AT THE CORCORAN

In addition to Family Day, the Corcoran offers a wide array of fun and educational activities for young people and their families: monthly family workshops introduce children and their parents to exhibition themes through interactive tours and hands-on activities; after-school and weekend Aspiring Artists classes provide formal instruction that focuses on skill development and opens dialogues about broader art concepts; Camp Creativity in the summer offers young people new avenues of self-expression and understanding of their creative potential; and Pre-College classes expose high school juniors and seniors to the Corcoran's challenging and creative environment and help them build strong portfolios for college admission and undergraduate success. For more information about Youth and Family Programs at the Corcoran, visit www.corcoran.org/family.

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