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**CORCORAN PRESENTS FREE FAMILY DAY 2014: THE GREAT ESCAPE!**

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – This spring, get ready for an art adventure that will take you to faraway places during the **Corcoran’s Family Day: The Great Escape! on Saturday, March 8, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** FREE for the entire family, this celebration highlights some of the D.C. area’s best art, dance, and music and includes live performances, in-gallery activities, face painting, hands on art workshops and more. Featuring special performances of My Grandfather’s Circus by Zany Umbrella Circus, this celebration will highlight some of the D.C. area’s best art, dance, and music. Also throughout the day, be sure to check out *American Journeys—Visions of Place*, a reinstallation of the Corcoran’s renowned pre-1945 American art collection and the inspiration for the day’s activities.

“We are eagerly anticipating Corcoran Family Day 2014: The Great Escape,” said Sarah Durkee, Vice President of Public Education at the Corcoran. “Family Day has become such a fun and popular annual tradition, and on March 8, families will have the chance to travel through different times and places represented by the Corcoran’s collection, with local teaching artists and performers to serve as their guides. We are looking forward to welcoming back families who have come before and to meeting new families attending this year for the first time.”

Corcoran members at the Family Level and above enjoy early admission at 9:30 a.m. to select workshops and face painting. Admission to the Corcoran during this full day of fun is FREE. The event is open to the public, and no registration is required, except for a select workshop where indicated. For more information, please visit [www.corcoran.org/pride](http://www.corcoran.org/pride)

**DROP-IN WORKSHOPS** – Have fun exploring the museum and get creative by participating in drop-in art workshops!

**Masquerade Mask Making**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Education Workshop**

Get ready to attend your own Parisian Masquerade Ball by creating and decorating a unique and mysterious mask.

**Terrific Tinker Toys**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Gallery 31**

Build your own structure out of our marshmallow and straw version of tinker toys. Play with them just like kids did in New York in the 1900s.

**Fun & Fanciful Face Painting**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Gallery 15**

Look the part of the global traveler with destination face painting. From a New York “big apple” to a cowboy hat to the Eiffel Tower or a cactus, choose an image that reflects the kind of journey you long to take.

**Paper Tablet Creations**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Gallery 17**

Make your own mosaic using colored paper in shapes of triangles, squares, circles and more. Let your imagination go to create a one-of-a-kind work of art. When you’re done, display it somewhere for everyone to see and admire.

**Dream Catchers**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Gallery 18**

Catch some sweet dreams tonight after making your very own dream catcher.

**Family Photo Booth**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m. (10 a.m.-12 p.m. Paris scenery; 12-1:30 p.m. New York scenery; 1:30-3 p.m. Wild West scenery)**

**Bridge**

Stop at our family photo booth to capture the camera-ready moments from your travels. Smile and have a picture taken in Paris, New York, or the Wild West.

**Kids’ Gallery Tours**

**11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m.**

**South Atrium**

Travel through the Corcoran’s colorful collection with a guided tour especially for kids. See what sights, sounds, and locations you discover as you step into the galleries and take a closer look.

**Story Time & Book Nook**

**10:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m.**

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Enjoy books related to the Corcoran’s collection courtesy of the DC Public Library. Hear a story or two throughout the day and peruse the offerings.

**INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCES** – The Corcoran is alive with local performers, musicians, and dancers! Travel through the Gallery and take in performances and live demonstrations all day long.

**My Grandfather’s Circus**

**11 a.m., 2 p.m.**

Come see a circus show based on everyday objects coming to life and find excitement in unexpected places. Zany Umbrella Circus’s very own Ben Sota will dazzle you with acts inspired by his grandfather and create a circus out of an unlikely situation!

**Masquerade Salon**

**10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.**

**Salon Doré**

Watch a Parisian Masquerade Salon come to life. Project Enlightenment, McLean High School’s Historical Reenactment Society, will be in character and costume inviting the audience to interact with them and travel back in time.

**Zany Umbrella Circus Workshop**

**12:30 p.m.**

**North Atrium**

Learn some tricks from the circus trade. Take notes from the expert of circus skills as Zany Umbrella Circus’ Ben Sota leads a workshop incorporating the circus arts, masks, puppetry, and much more! (Limited space for the workshop, day-of sign up required).

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES** – Step out of the museum and into a new world! Activities will be taking place all day at the New York Avenue and Seventeenth Street entrances to continue the adventure.

**Cowboys, Lasso, and more**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Sculpture pad on NY Avenue**

Be a cowboy or cowgirl for a day. Meet Cowboy Mike and Cowboy Bob as they share campfire stories and demonstrate how to lasso.

**Amazing A Cappella**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Atrium**

What’s a road trip without a little music? To help set the tone of your adventurous day, Maret School’s melodious a cappella group, Alpha Males, will be stationed at the entrance to the museum to greet visitors with their catchy tunes.

**ABOUT AMERICAN JOURNEYS—VISIONS OF PLACE**

*American Journeys—Visions of Place* is a new installation of the Corcoran’s renowned pre-1945 American paintings and sculpture collection that conveys the changing notion of place in the history of American art. Featuring more paintings—approximately 110—than have ever been on view in the galleries of historic American art, and for the first time in over a decade integrating paintings and sculpture for a total of approximately 125 works on view, the reinstallation reflects the Corcoran’s commitment to American art. Led by Bechhoefer Curator of American Art Sarah Cash, the reinstallation is devoted to how the ideas of place and American artistic identity have shifted over time through increased communication and connectedness. Two galleries feature a “Salon-style” hang, with works presented from eye-level up to the ceiling as exhibitions often were designed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The reinstalled galleries are divided into four sections: “Pride of Place: The New Nation,” “The Lure of Paris,” “New York in the New Century,” and “Beyond Borders.”

For more information on *American Journeys—Visions of Place*, please visit <http://www.corcoran.org/exhibitions/american-journeys-visions-place>

## YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS AT THE CORCORAN

The Corcoran offers a wide array of fun and educational activities for young people and their families: weekend Aspiring Artists classes provide formal instruction that focuses on skill development and opens dialogues about broader art concepts; and Camp Creativity in the summer offers children new avenues of self-expression and understanding of their creative potential. Children aged 3-16 can become members of Wilson's Pride, a FREE membership opportunity that combines the arts with service projects. For more information about Youth and Family Programs at the Corcoran, please visit [www.corcoran.org/family](http://www.corcoran.org/family). To learn more about Wilson's Pride, visit [www.corcoran.org/pride](http://www.corcoran.org/pride).

## ABOUT THE CORCORAN

Established in 1869, the **Corcoran Gallery of Art** was one of America's first museums of art, dedication, in the words of founder William Wilson Corcoran, to "encouraging American genius." Today it is Washington, D.C.'s largest nonfederal art museum, known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art, European art, contemporary art, photography and media arts, and decorative arts. A dynamic schedule of exhibitions complements a range of educational programming, which together enrich the perspectives of the visiting public, support the local arts community, and encourage thoughtful interpretation of today's most compelling social issues. **The Corcoran College of Art and Design** was founded as a school of art in 1878 and stands as Washington's only four-year accredited college of art and design. The college is one of the few in the nation whose education model include an integral relationship with a museum, fostering the talent of the next generation of artists. For more information about the **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art and Design**, visit [www.corcoran.org](http://www.corcoran.org).



## Hours

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

The Corcoran is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

The Museum offers extended hours every Wednesday until 9 p.m.

## Admission

Wednesday through Friday and Sunday: \$10 Adults; \$8 full-time students (with ID) and seniors (62+); visitors 18 and under free; Corcoran Members free.

Image: Provided by Zany Umbrella Circus

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