

# CORCORAN

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**THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART AND COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN PRESENT  
FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL 2011: D.C. COLOR SPLASH!**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Creativity thrives in Washington D.C.! Explore the stupendous stripes, crazy colors, and luminous lights of D.C. artists featured in the exhibition *Washington Color and Light* at **Family Festival 2011: D.C. Color Splash!** This FREE celebration for the entire family will take place on **Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Corcoran.** Groove to the beat of local musicians, marvel at magnificent D.C. tap dancers and performers, and dip your hands into amazing art-making workshops led by local artists.

Admission to the Corcoran during this full day of colorful fun is FREE, open to the public, and no registration is required. For Family Festival 2011 updates, please visit [www.corcoran.org/familyfestival](http://www.corcoran.org/familyfestival).

**LIVE AND INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCES** – The gallery is alive with local musicians, tap dancers, and storytelling! Join us throughout the museum for these dazzling performances.

**The Hip Hop Tap Color Map**  
**11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.**  
**First Floor, North Atrium**

The Corcoran's North Atrium becomes a kinetic art studio as members of Holly Bass Performance Projects dip their dance shoes in paint and turn paper-covered floors into a colorful movement map! Call-and-response chants and catchy rhymes pay homage to the Washington Color School as viewers are guided through a series of fun "color dance" moves.



**Color Tales**

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

**Second Floor, *Washington Color and Light* exhibition**

Stories of bright color light up the galleries! Grab a cozy seat and open-up your ears to marvelous tales of color and light from storyteller Judy Gravitz.

**The Saints Band**

**10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.**

**First Floor, South Atrium**

Jam to the jazzy sounds of the Saints Band, a group of talented young musicians from Sitar Art Center in Adams Morgan!

**Drum Circle**

**11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m.**

**Second Floor, Rotunda**

Gather 'round and join the circle of beats as you become part of this interactive drum circle!

**Poems of Color and Light**

**12 p.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.**

**First Floor, Auditorium**

Students from the Duke Ellington School of the Arts will captivate the audience with their *Washington Color and Light* inspired poems.

**GALLERY ADVENTURES** – Journey through the museum to find inspiration in incredible artwork! Go with a guide on a tour, or explore on your own using the fabulous new family guide.

**NEW! FAMILY GUIDE**

Discover the Corcoran's Collection in exciting new ways with this self-guided resource for families to use in the galleries. The family guide includes questions for looking at art, activities, and suggestions for further exploration. Pick up a copy at the admissions desk!

**Color Splash!**

**11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.**

**Tours meet at the bottom of the stairs in the Atrium**

Venture through the galleries and explore the crazy colors, fantastic shapes, and massive artwork of the *Washington Color and Light* exhibition.

**DROP-IN ART WORKSHOPS** – Get creative while you explore crazy colors and innovative art techniques in these hands-on art workshops.

**Stupendous Stripes!**

**10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**Ground Floor, Ceramics Studio**

How straight can a stripe get? Experiment with masking tape, rulers, and other materials to recreate the stupendously straight stripes of Washington artist Gene Davis' paintings.



**Kaleidoscopes of Color!**  
**Collaborative art project**  
**10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**Second Floor, Gallery 14**

Work together with community members to reinterpret Alma Thomas' dazzling paintings and create colorful kaleidoscope collages that represent landscapes of Washington, D.C.

**Dye-namic!**  
**10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**Ground Floor, Education Workshop**

Create work inspired by Washington Color School artist Sam Gilliam's dyed fabrics. Tie-dye your heart out in this fun-for-everyone workshop.

**Edible Color Wheel**  
**10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**First Floor, Café**

Use icing to discover how to mix primary colors into secondary colors and create your own edible color wheel.

**Face Painting**  
**10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**Second Floor, Bridge**

Become your own work of art with face painting.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS AT THE CORCORAN**

In addition to the Family Festival, 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 Young Artists classes provide formal instruction that focuses on skill development and opens dialogues about broader art concepts; and Camp Creativity in the summer offers young people new avenues of self-expression and understanding of their creative potential;. For more information about Youth and Family Programs at the Corcoran, visit [www.corcoran.org/family](http://www.corcoran.org/family).

**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 BA in Art Studies; a five-year Bachelor of Fine Arts/ Master of Arts in Teaching (BFA/MAT); an AFA in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, and Photography; and MA degrees in Art and the Book, Art Education, Exhibition Design, Interior Design, Master of Arts in Teaching, and New Media Photojournalism. 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.