

McMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART

The McMullen is reopening this Monday, February 5 with its newest exhibition, [Cao Jun: Hymns to Nature](#), featuring over 60 monumental paintings by contemporary Chinese artist Cao Jun. In order to provide opportunities for our PreK–12 audience to engage with the exhibition and get their hands dirty, the Museum has organized a series of events, including a Lunar New Year Celebration, a Spring Celebration, and three Second Saturdays workshops focused on Chinese painting traditions.

We would be most grateful if you could pass this information on to your affiliated parents and interested students. Below you will find further information on each event as well as links to register:

[Second Saturdays: Lunar New Year Celebration](#)

Saturday, February 10, 2018

12:30–3:30 pm

Free; no prior registration required; food limited

To highlight the upcoming Lunar New Year, the McMullen Museum is teaming up with the Boston College Chinese Student Association (CSA), the Korean Student Association (KSA), and the Philippine Society of Boston College (PSBC) to present a lion dance, New Year's food from three different countries, and opportunities to make dragon puppets as well as a variety of New Year's decorations, including paper lanterns, paper cuttings, and more.

February 10 Schedule:

12:30 pm: Introductions

12:45 pm: Presentation and Food Tasting

1:30 pm: Lion Dance

2:00 pm: Arts + Crafts throughout Museum

[Second Saturdays: Chinese Painting I: Scrolls, Frames, and Seals \(Ages 5–12\)](#)

Saturday, March 10, 2018

1:00–3:00 pm

Meets in Museum Atrium

Free; prior registration required at <https://goo.gl/D2WBth>

The McMullen Museum invites children ages five to twelve to explore its current exhibition, *Cao Jun: Hymns to Nature*, and explore the basics of creating, signing, and framing a Chinese scroll. Children and chaperones will begin with a tour through the galleries, featuring over sixty works by contemporary Chinese artist Cao Jun, to observe the artist's painting techniques and use of Chinese seals, or chops. Following the tour, children will create their own signature seals, use them on rice paper, and make their own wooden frames to hang them.

[McMullen Spring Celebration](#)

Sunday, March 25, 2018

1:00–4:00 pm

Basket Making and Egg Hunt (Ages 2–12) require prior registration

Basket Making AND Egg Hunt (Ages 2–12): <https://goo.gl/DgOpZI>

Egg Hunt ONLY: 2:00 pm (Ages 2–12): <https://goo.gl/TxBkeb>

In celebration of spring, the McMullen Museum invites visitors to participate in an afternoon filled with children's programming, including storytelling, an egg hunt, basket making, arts and crafts, games, and guided tours of the exhibition. Young children (ages two to twelve) and families may build their own baskets and find eggs hidden throughout the Museum grounds, while visitors of all ages enjoy music, games, arts and crafts, and a free docent tour throughout the afternoon. Arts and crafts will include origami animals and basket making, as well as sidewalk chalk drawing and botanical sun prints (weather permitting). The Museum staff will read children's books at sessions throughout the afternoon, while a variety of games will be scattered throughout the Museum.

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[Second Saturdays: Chinese Painting II: Design for the Skies: Kite Crafting](#) [\(Ages 5–12\)](#)

Saturday, April 14, 2018

1:00–3:00 pm

Meets in Museum Atrium

Free; prior registration required at <https://goo.gl/4NWbN1>

April is China's National Kite Month! With major festivals taking place around China to celebrate the history of kite-making and flying, the McMullen Museum invites children ages five to twelve to design, craft, and fly their own kites. We'll be making kites of various sizes, some painted and some folded. Children are encouraged to experiment with their own designs and test them outdoors.

[Second Saturdays: Chinese Painting III: From Calligraphy to Ink Painting](#) [\(Ages 5–12\)](#)

Saturday, May 12, 2018

1:00–3:00 pm

Meets in Museum Atrium

Free; prior registration required at <https://goo.gl/aX8mxL>

The McMullen Museum invites children ages five to twelve to explore its current exhibition, *Cao Jun: Hymns to Nature*, and explore the basics of Chinese calligraphy and ink painting. Children and chaperones will begin with a tour through the galleries, featuring over sixty works by contemporary Chinese artist Cao Jun, to observe the artist's use of differing subjects, styles, and techniques. Following the tour, children will practice the basic marks and strokes found in Chinese calligraphy. The workshop will end with a move into basic ink painting, where they will use the skills learned in calligraphy to create their own botanical paintings.

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