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November 2008 & February 2009

Step Into Art

Two-Day Programs for Children (Grades 1-5)

Taught by Abby Rischin, Ph.D.,
With Susan Foster, Libby Pokel and Sharon Thurston

Day 1: Bringing Art to Life

Newton Cultural Center

An interactive slide show introduces children to great French and American paintings from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (November) or to 19th- and 20th-century masterpieces currently on view at Harvard's Sackler Museum (February). Children "step into art" by participating in story-telling and drama activities that bring works to life. They develop their skills of observation and set their imaginations to work as they explore color, sound, movement, light, and feelings in art, and make important connections between art and their own lives.

Hands-on art activities follow. Using a variety of materials, children "step into" the role of artist to create art of their own inspired by the works they have just seen.

Day 2: Art "Face-to-Face"

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (November) Harvard's Sackler Museum (February)

In this guided tour, children build on earlier observations and make new discoveries as they see "face-to-face" the works they have just learned about. **Sketching** in the museum galleries marks each program's concluding step!



Step Into Art Sundays

November 16 and 23, 2008

Featuring the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Day 1: November 16

Session A: 12:30 - 2:30 pm or Session B: 3 - 5pm

Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada St., Newtonville

Day 2: November 23

Session A: 1 - 2:30 pm or Session B: 3 - 4:30pm

Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

February Vacation 2009

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 17 & 18

Featuring the Sackler Museum, Harvard University

Day 1: Tuesday, February 17

Session A: 10:30 am-12:30 pm or Session B: 1:30-3:30 pm

Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada Street, Newtonville

Day 2: Wednesday, February 18

Session A: 12:30-2 pm or Session B: 2:30-4 pm

Harvard's Sackler Museum, 485 Broadway St., Cambridge

Abby Rischin, who holds a Ph.D. from Yale University, is the founder of Step Into Art, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides dynamic art education programs for children focusing on the extraordinary collections of Boston-area museums. Email: abby@stepintoart.org. Web: www.stepintoart.org. Susan Foster is Lead Educator at the Commonwealth Museum. Libby Pokel is a master's degree candidate at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Sharon Thurston is a longtime early childhood education teacher in Newton.

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Cost: \$50 Newton Resident; \$60 Non-resident. Enrollment limited to 20 per session. Register by phone: 617-796-1540 with Visa or MC; or return form to: Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs, 225 Nevada Street, Newton MA 02460. Make checks payable to the City of Newton.

Step Into Art Sundays in November _____
Session A _____ or Session B _____

Step Into Art February Vacation Program _____
Session A _____ or Session B _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent's Name _____ Home Phone _____

Parent's Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Telephone _____