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Art Ninjas Camp Returns in February

Every ninja is a happy camper



North Adams, Massachusetts —

Art Ninja Camp at MASS

MoCA returns during February break, when kids come together to scavenge for strange specimens, assemble amazing artifacts, and work with exhibiting artist Mark Dion. On **February 16-20, from 9am to 3pm**, Kidspace holds its

ever-popular camp for kids to explore a variety of materials and art-making techniques in a museum setting.

Campers embark upon daily missions filled with adventure, innovation, and intrigue on their way to unlock the secrets of current exhibitions. With curiosity as an overarching theme, missions range from the study of plants and animals to treasure-hunting and archaeology; each one delves into different materials and projects, such as straw-blown paintings, treasure troves, and curiosity cabinets. All activities are logged on a personalized field journal, detailing questions, observations, and discoveries from each day.

One day during the week-long camp is spent making art with MASS MoCA exhibiting artist Mark Dion, whose eight-sided *Octagon Room* brims with unusual objects and artwork that allows for hands-on exploration. As campers explore the mysteries behind Mark Dion's collections and stories, they are encouraged to gather and create a collection of their own.

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Two scholarships per camp are available for students from North Adams Public Schools and the North Berkshire School Union as well as CT Plunkett, Conte, and Capeless Elementary Schools. To enter the scholarship lottery, parents and guardians should email Hilary Knecht at hknecht@massmoca.org with the child's name, age, and school.

Registration is currently open, but space is limited for children ages 5-12, so early booking is recommended. The cost is \$175 per child for the week for members, \$200 for not-yet members. A healthy mid-morning snack will be provided; campers bring their own lunch. After-care is available from 3pm to 5pm for an additional fee of \$15 per child per day. Reservations can be made at the MASS MoCA box office, located at 87 Marshall Street in North Adams, from 11am to 5pm (open every day except Tuesdays). Reservations can also be charged by calling 413.662.2111 x1 during box office hours. Registration opens for summer Art Ninjas camps — three weeks of thematic art camps beginning August 10 — in February. Find out more online at kidspace.massmoca.org/art-camps/.

About MASS MoCA

MASS MoCA is one of the world's liveliest (and largest) centers for making and enjoying today's most important art, music, dance, theater, film, and video. Hundreds of works of visual and performing art have been created on its 19th-century factory campus during fabrication and rehearsal residencies, making MASS MoCA among the most productive sites in the country for the creation and presentation of new art. More platform than box, MASS MoCA strives to bring to its audiences art experiences that are fresh, engaging, and transformative.

MASS MoCA's galleries are open 11am to 5pm every day except Tuesdays. The Hall Art Foundation's Anselm Kiefer exhibition is open seasonally beginning spring 2015. Gallery admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for veterans and seniors, \$12 for students, \$8 for children 6 to 16, and free for children 5 and under. Members are admitted free year-round. For additional information, call 413.662.2111 x1 or visit massmoca.org.