March 2018 TOUR INFORMATION

We are excited to share information about some of our tour offerings. If you are planning your school activities calendar for the spring, we hope you will consider bringing your students to Newfields. We are glad to work with you to provide a memorable tour experience for your group.

Here are a few updates:

- **New tours for the Spring of 2018**
  - ***Bes-Ben: The Mad Hatter of Chicago*** (April 20, 2018 – January 6, 2019), Paul Textile Galleries – One of America's most celebrated milliners (hat makers), Benjamin B. Green-Field was Chicago's "Mad Hatter" for 49 years. Join docents for an engaging look at these elaborate, humorous, flamboyant creations. We are offering tours in this new exhibition for students in grades 9-12 – with an interest in textile arts.
  - ***Collecting Contemporaries: Recent Acquisitions from the Koch and Wolf Collections*** (May 4, 2018-November 4, 2018), McCormack Forefront Galleries – Students may have an opportunity to view these new acquisitions of contemporary works on paper during scheduled *Spotlight: Contemporary* tours.
- **Popular Tour titles**
  - ***STEM + Art = STEAM Tours*** – Science, Technology, Engineering, ***Art***, and Mathematics join forces as these tours explore firsthand how artists are creative problem-solvers and thinkers. Students will be invited into the world of artists and consider their challenges and solutions in the creative process of art-making. As a bonus, they will have one or more hands-on activities to supplement their own budding STEAM skills.
  - ***Focus Tours.*** Bringing a big group, or wanting a tour that visits multiple galleries? Consider selecting one of our Focus tours. Our *Focus: Faces*; *Focus: Places*; and *Focus: Spaces* tours are great options that allow docents to spread out and use art objects from different galleries to interact with students about portraits, settings or sculpture.
  - **Hands On Opportunities with Art Carts!** Our *Spotlight: Asia* and *Spotlight: Africa* tours include an option (for groups with 40 or fewer students) to include our Art Carts as part of your tour. This provides students an opportunity to see and touch art objects that have been deaccessioned from our collection. Tactile learners can greatly benefit from this opportunity. For our preschool and kindergarten students, we also offer an Art Basics Cart option for their *First Look at Art* tour.
- **Viewfinders Schools – Don't Forget Spring Field Trip Dates**
  If you are one of our participating Viewfinders schools, please remember to book your fieldtrip, which includes a hands-on art making activity, for one of the following weeks: **April 3-6, April 10-13, May 8-11, May 15-18, May 22-25, May 29-June 1**. Book as soon as you can as some dates will fill quickly!
- **Outdoors at Newfields –** This spring Newfields will have a record number of blooms in our Gardens as a part of our Spring celebration - ***Hello Spring***, opening March 30. The spring color will provide a great backdrop for outdoor lunches or adventures. Be sure to let us know if you'd like to extend your fieldtrip to include lunch on the grounds.

- **Tour Ideas for older students.**
    - ***Closer Look***
      Our Closer Look tour provides opportunities for students from Grade 7 through college to participate in a one hour in depth conversation about a single work of art. Students learn about the art through inquiry – sharing their ideas with one another while receiving supplemental information from their docent. This is a great way for more advanced students to learn to be in dialog with art. Teachers – we offer public Closer Look session on the 2nd Saturday and 3rd Tuesday of each month (reservation required through our website) if you'd like to try it out ahead of time.
    - ***Nazi-Era Looted Art and Museums: Continuing the Work of the Monuments Men***
      This tour is designed for either advanced or upper level High School students who have undertaken in-depth study of WWII. Students will learn about how some European paintings in the IMA's collection are intertwined with looting during WWII and subsequent Allied efforts at restitution, and why research into the history of ownership is important in American art museums.
    - ***VTS: Visual Thinking Strategy***
      This tour encourages careful looking, critical thinking, vocabulary development, and an understanding of multiple perspectives – the focus is on student observations and sharing rather than art historical information.

If you have questions, we are glad to provide guidance. You may contact Wendy Wilkerson, our Senior Coordinator of School and Group Services, at 317-920-2679. We hope to see you and your students at the IMA this spring!