

Back-to-School 2018-19 TOUR INFORMATION

We are excited to share information about some of our tour offerings. As you are planning your school activities calendar for the school year, 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 2018-19 School Year**

- ***Life and Legacy: Portraits from the Clowes Collection*** (May 4, 2019 – August 18, 2019), Allen Whitehill Clowes Special Exhibition Galleries – Students will explore the fascinating life and art collection of two of the IMA's greatest benefactors, Dr. George H. A. Clowes (1877-1958) and his wife, Edith Whitehill Clowes (1885-1967). While Dr. Clowes was renowned for his role in the mass production of insulin at Eli Lilly & Company, he and his wife were also avid art collectors. Their collection, the largest part comprised of portraiture, encompassed art from all over Europe and across five centuries, ranging from 14th C. Italy to 18th C. England. The exhibition examines the many portraits and artist self-portraits that they collected, and offers a fresh look at their interesting life story, their important art collection, and the development of portraiture over the span of several hundred years. Tours are offered for students in grades k-12.
- ***Spotlight: Asia***, this spring, this tour may include stops in one or more of our Japanese special exhibitions, ***Fashion Redefined: Miyake, Kawakubo, and Yamamoto*** (April 28, 2019 – January 5, 2020) and ***Nihontō: The Samurai Sword*** (May 10 – November 3, 2019). A tour focused exclusively on the ***Fashion Redefined*** exhibition is available for scheduling for students in Grades 9-12 with a particular interest in fashion and fashion design.
- ***Spotlight: Contemporary***, this spring, this tour may include stops in one or more of our Contemporary special exhibitions, ***Samuel Levi Jones: Left of Center*** (March 15 – September 15, 2019) and ***Ben Russell: River Rites*** (February 8 – June 9, 2019).
- ***Spotlight: Design***, this tour will visit our recently reopened Design Gallery, which has been completely revamped with a thematic reinterpretation that offers new insights into the versatile design process – from inspiration to production.

- **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; and for students in Grades 1-3, we offer an Art Basics Cart option for our **Learning to Look at Art** tour.
- **Viewfinders Program Schools – Field Trips**
If you are one of our participating Viewfinders Program schools (using Visual Thinking Strategies in the classroom), please remember to book your field trip, which may include a hands-on art making activity for Grades 3-5, as soon as you can as some dates will fill quickly. If you are not a participating Viewfinders Program school, you may want to schedule a VTS tour for your students to find out more – and follow up with our Teacher Training Workshop next summer.
- **Outdoors at Newfields** – The Garden colors 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 Allie Combs, our Coordinator of School and Group Services, at 317-920-2679. We hope to see you and your students at Newfields this spring or summer!