

ART ASSEMBLY

2012-2013 School Programming



"...students have never seen anything like this. It gave students an opportunity to watch, observe, think, draw conclusions, and infer."

-a 5th grade teacher,
Greylock Elementary School

"The variety of programs you provide are always of high quality."

-D. Nowicki, teacher,
Savoy Elementary School

"I love MASS MoCA a lot. My favorite thing was the show."

-a 1st grade student
Brown Elementary School

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ABOUT MASS MoCA's ART ASSEMBLY PROGRAM:

For the 13th consecutive year, MASS MoCA is proud to present its series of student programming featuring live music, dance, storytelling, and performances that allow regional schoolchildren the opportunity to see world-class performers in our state-of-the-art theater facilities.

Ensuring that local youths have access to arts education is one of MASS MoCA's highest priorities. Through our Art Assembly series, Saturday morning family events, gallery tours, and the popular Kidspace, MASS MoCA continues to offer top-quality children's events and develop new and creative ways of exploring the arts with children. The Art Assembly program has reached more than 20,000 students, from preschoolers to eighth-graders, and we are delighted to see new teachers and students take advantage of our school-time programming each year. MASS MoCA is both thrilled and honored for the opportunity to contribute to local arts education and make a positive impact within our community.

MASS MoCA provides curriculum-based study guides to every educator to supplement each performance, which will help to incorporate the performance into your curriculum. The activities and material found in the study guide have been developed with our education department to:

- **Provide educators with subject information, artist biographies, and pre- and post-show activities**
- **Help to meet statewide learning frameworks**
- **Create an enriched and interactive theater experience for students**

Performances have been known to sell out, so please place your order in advance to guarantee seating for your group. You can return the enclosed order form to reserve tickets, or you may call the box office at 413- MoCA-111 between 11 AM and 5 PM, Wednesday through Monday.

For all other questions, please contact Courtney Parker at 413.664.4481 x8109 or by email at cparker@massmoca.org.

Jerry's Map

Recommended for Grades 3-7

Oct 5-14, 11 AM – 5 PM (closed Tuesday 10/9)

Hunter Center

\$4 students

One chaperone for every 10 students free
additional chaperones \$5



ABOUT JERRY'S MAP:

In 1963, Jerry Gretzinger doodled a map of a small imaginary town. His sketch took on a life of its own, and today comprises over 2,600 hand-crafted panels spanning a jaw-dropping 2,000 square feet. The depicted world evolves and shape-shifts as he works and re-works a panel every day. To guide the evolution, Gretzinger has devised an elaborate game of chance that features a card deck with instructions — the map's "future predictor". Each morning, he chooses a card at random that determines his course of action for that day: one day he might add new features to a panel, while on the next he might completely void one out.

Gretzinger sets up his studio in the Hunter Center and we display the map (the first time it has ever been displayed in its entirety) during the production of a new documentary film about Gretzinger by Greg Whitmore. Students will have the opportunity to watch this fascinating artist at work, see a film being made, and learn about the game behind the map.

"Jerry has a certain kind of genius. He's a world-builder." -
Mother Nature Network

Great school trip opportunity!

Make a day of it: visit *Jerry's Map*, the MASS MoCA galleries, and Kidspace. **Group rates are available.**

If you are interested in bringing a school group to see Jerry's Map, please fill out the attached form and send to Courtney Parker.

If along with this exhibition you would like your students to have the opportunity to visit our galleries or Kidspace, please contact Education Coordinator Rachel Heisler at 413.664.4481 x8150 or by email at rheisler@massmoca.org.

Roy Nathanson

Recommended for Grades PreK-7

Thursday, December 13

Performances at **9:30am** (grades PreK-3)
& **12:30pm** (grades 4-7)



ABOUT ROY NATHANSON

A saxophonist, composer, teacher, and writer, **Roy Nathanson** has been the co-leader of the Jazz Passengers since 1987. As a former member of the Lounge Lizards and bandleader of the Jazz Passengers, Nathanson has written and performed jazz-influenced songs which borrow from a variety of genres and performed and recorded by Elvis Costello, Debbie Harry, Jeff Buckley, Jimmy Scott, and many other acclaimed vocalists.

Through grants from Meet the Composer and the Annenberg Foundation, Nathanson has developed a method of teaching songwriting to elementary school children. He is also a New York state certified music teacher and has lead school bands on trips to perform at New York jazz festivals. Nathanson currently runs an instrumental music program at the Institute for Collaborative Education Manhattan for grades 6-12.

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE

Nathanson will be here with part of his band Sotto voce, which uses vocals, vocal percussion, instruments, and spoken word to broaden the definitions of songs and stories. Nathanson plays saxophone, Napoleon Maddox performs human beatboxing, and Tim Kiah plays bass. All the members of the band sing in order to create a unique type of alchemy.

LAVA

Recommended for Grades PreK-7

Friday, February 15

Performances at **9:30am** (grades PreK-3)
& **12:30pm** (grades 4-7)



ABOUT LAVA

Founded in 2000 by Sarah East Johnson, **LAVA** is a troupe of artists who develop and perform original works that integrate athletic physicality, intellectual rigor, social commentary, and relationship exploration combining dance, theater, and acrobatics.

LAVA was awarded an OBIE and a Bessie Award for their show *Lava Love* in 2000.

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE

LAVA will perform its work *Loving & Daring*, a 10-year retrospective including various works from LAVA's past shows. The group will also premiere, as a work-in-progress, a selection from their newest performance, which will premiere at BAM Fisher in June 2013.

Radio Jarocho

Recommended for Grades PreK-7

Thursday, June 6

Performances at **9:30am** (grades PreK-3)
& **12:30pm** (grades 4-7)



ABOUT RADIO JAROCHO

Radio Jarocho plays Son Jarocho music—a regional folk musical style of Mexican Son from Veracruz, Mexico—fashioned after the musicians, towns, and swampy countryside where the genre was originated. The group writes its own songs inspired by this genre and tailors them with assorted influences, creating a contemporary repertoire that captures the spirit of the traditional style. The band has championed Son Jarocho throughout the past decade with its performances throughout the United States, including in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Boston.

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE

Radio Jarocho will introduce the audience to Son Jarocho music and fandango from Mexico, explaining their origins and histories. Using a wide range of string and percussion instruments from jaranas (small-sized guitars) to tambourines, the band will demonstrate basic "rasgueado" patterns and percussion rhythms for Son Jarocho songs. The audience will also be instructed in the basic steps and movements of fandango with an opportunity for everyone to participate in the dance at the end of the program.

ART ASSEMBLY 2012-2013 RESERVATION FORM



SCHOOL: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

CONTACT PHONE: (advance) (____) - ____ - _____

CONTACT NAME/ PHONE: (day of) _____ / (____) - ____ - _____

TICKET PRICES:

STUDENT - \$5

CHAPERONE – FREE (1 free for every 10 students) *

EACH ADDITIONAL ADULTS/CHAPERONES - \$5

SHOW	GRADE RANGE	SHOW DATE	SHOW TIME	# OF STUDENT TICKETS	# OF CHAPERONE TICKETS*	# OF ADDTL. ADULT TICKETS	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	CONFIRM # OF STUDENTS BY:
Jerry's Map	3-8	10/5-14 (closed Tues 10/9)					\$	1 week prior
Roy Nathanson	PreK-3	12/13/12	9:30 AM				\$	1 week prior
Roy Nathanson	3 rd -7	12/13/12	12:30 PM				\$	1 week prior
LAVA	PreK-3	2/15/13	9:30 AM				\$	1 week prior
LAVA	3 rd -7	2/15/13	12:30 PM				\$	1 week prior
Radio Jarocho	PreK-3	6/6/13	9:30 AM				\$	1 week prior
Radio Jarocho	3 rd -7	6/6/13	12:30 PM				\$	1 week prior

**Due to limited ticket availability, please schedule one (1) adult chaperone for each group of ten (10) students.
Additional adult tickets are \$5 each.*

Grades that will be attending: _____

Do you have students with special needs (wheelchair, sensitivity to strobe light, etc.)? _____

Number of buses/cars you will bring: (specify bus/cars) Buses: _____ / Cars: _____

Number of study guides you will need (one per teacher/class): _____

By completing this form, you are requesting that tickets are held for your school. So that we may accommodate as many schools as possible, please notify us immediately if there are any changes to the number of students you will be bringing.

You may return this form via:

MAIL: MASS MoCA
Attn: Courtney Parker
1040 MASS MoCA Way
North Adams, MA 01247

FAX: 413.664.4519
ATTN: Courtney Parker

EMAIL: cparker@massmoca.org

Final confirmation of number attending and full payment is due one week prior to the performance.