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An Artful Way to Celebrate Mother's Day at the Worcester Art Museum

WORCESTER, MASS. (April 10, 2013) – On Mother's Day, treat the special women in your life to a day surrounded by beauty. And there's nowhere more beautiful in Worcester than the Worcester Art Museum.

In addition to all of the lovely works of art that span 51 centuries, the museum will host a special brunch and classical music performance on Sunday, May 12. Reservations are required for both.

The museum has contracted with renowned caterer Russell Morin Fine Catering for a special Mother's Day brunch. Guests can choose either a 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. seating. The menu includes a wide variety of sweet, savory, nutritional and 'splurge' delights including a fruit-and-salad station, a potato pancake station with several entrée accompaniments, a create-your-own omelet station, french toast station, and an array of delectable desserts.

At 2:30 p.m. the American Gallery will be filled with the heavenly sounds of live chamber music performed by Michelle Graveline on the harpsichord and Soprano Monica Hatch. The program will include: J.S. Bach's Partita No. 5 in G Major for harpsichord and Arias from "Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach" (including *Bist du bei mir*); Kuhnau's The Biblical Sonatas (*David and Goliath*); Handel's *Ode on St. Cecilia's Day* and *Gloria*; Purcell's *Music for a While* and *Sweeter Than Roses*; and Hopkinson's *My Days Have Been So Wondrous Free* --the first American song written by a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Following the performance, guests can meet the musicians in the WAM Café over complimentary coffee and desserts.

During the intermission, Curatorial Assistant Nancy Burns, will give a brief talk about maternal works in the Worcester Art Museum, such as *Elizabeth Freake and Baby Mary* and *The Savage Family*.

The Mother's Day concert is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The student rate is \$10 (at the door only day of concert). Reservations are required and can be purchased online. Seating is limited in the gallery.. Call Karmen at 508-793-4326 for program information or questions.

Brunch is \$31.95 for adults and \$16.95 for children 12 and younger. Tax and gratuities are not included. For reservations, call Michael at 508-793-4328.

The chamber music performance is one of several offered this year as part of WAM's Chamber Music Series, which is generously supported by Nydia and Charles Moser. Worcester Art Museum is a WOO Card venue. For more information, call (508) 799-4406 or visit www.worcesterart.org .

The Worcester Art Museum opened in 1898 and serves Worcester and the regional community. With its encyclopedic collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media, it is one of America's most respected art institutions. For more information, visit worcesterart.org.

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