

WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

All is Merry and Bright at the Worcester Art Museum this Holiday Season!

Deck the Halls at WAM features art-themed trees, concerts, and holiday programs for all ages.

Worcester, MA – November 4, 2022– Take a trip down the Nile this holiday season at the Worcester Art Museum (WAM). This year *Deck the Halls at WAM* will feature Sunday concerts and holiday programs for all ages, surrounded by artfully decorated trees by Sally Jablonski of Herbert E. Berg Florist, Inc. and themed around the current exhibition *Jewels of the Nile*. WAM will also be hosting a model train layout, from the WPI Train Club, a layout sure to delight visitors of all ages. These exciting displays will be on view at the Worcester Art Museum from November 25, 2022 through January 8, 2023.

Deck the Halls at WAM launches on December 4 with a free Celebration of Hanukkah. WAM partners with the [Worcester JCC](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Central MA](#) to host this full day of programming that celebrates Hanukkah with performances and activities for all ages.

Weekends at WAM this holiday season will include an espresso bar by Acoustic Java, with coffee and baked treats available for purchase Friday – Sunday in the Lancaster Lobby. Concerts and special programming are available every weekend and all are invited to enjoy many wonderful events that WAM is hosting to celebrate this holiday season.

“The weekend programs have something for all ages,” says Aileen Novick, Manager of Education and Public Programs at the Worcester Art Museum. “Visitors can stroll the galleries and take in the sounds of the Salisbury Singers, grab a coffee and treat from Acoustic Java, or step outside see Chip Koser creating an ice sculpture. There will be a lot of fun things for all ages at WAM this winter!”

Events Schedule

All programs and activities listed below are free with admission, unless otherwise indicated, and held at the Worcester Art Museum, 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, MA. Museum parking is free, but limited. For directions and a map of additional parking around the Museum, visit:

<http://www.worcesterart.org/information/directions/>

Hanukkah at WAM

Sunday, December 4, 10am-4pm

WAM partners with the [Worcester JCC](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Central MA](#) to host this full day of programming and performances that celebrates Hanukkah with activities for all ages. Enjoy music, live cooking demonstrations, story times with [PJ Library](#), art activities, and presentations on the history and traditions of this Jewish holiday

Merrimack Valley Ringers

Sunday, December 11, 2pm

Renaissance Court

Hear the joyous sounds of holiday bells across the Museum with the Merrimack Valley Ringers! This popular hand-bell ensemble will perform holiday favorites with warmth and gusto, sure to delight listeners of all ages. [Read more about the Merrimack Valley Ringers.](#)

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Worcester's Salisbury Singers

Sunday, December 18, 2pm

Renaissance Court

Soaring choral music fills the Renaissance Court, performed by Worcester's own [Salisbury Singers](#). Founded in 1974, the Salisbury Singers return this year as a mainstay event during

Deck the Halls Tours

Sunday, December 4 and Sunday, December 18, 1pm

Meet in Lancaster Lobby

Tour the elaborate Deck the Halls trees throughout the Museum and learn about the inspiration and meaning behind these stunning holiday decorations.

New Year's Eve Celebration!

Sunday, December 31, 10am – 4pm

Get an early start to your New Year's Eve celebrations with music and fun all around the Museum! Drop-in **art-making activities** for families start at 11am. At 2pm, Arianna Falk (cello) and Peter Sulski (viola) of the [Worcester Chamber Music Society](#) will perform with students from [Worcester's Neighborhood Strings](#) program.

Deck the Halls Grand Finale!

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Join us for an exciting send-off to the season on the final day to see this year's festive decorations!

11:30am: Watch a massive **ice sculpture** take shape outside on Lancaster Plaza, inspired by artworks at WAM. Created by Chip Koser of [South Cape Ice Sculptures](#).

2pm: John McDonough's [Pumpnickel Puppets Musical Variety Show](#) is back! A family favorite every year, kids will meet puppet friends of all shapes and sizes in an interactive show in the Museum's Renaissance Court.

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3000 BCE to the present, these works provide the foundation for a focus on audience engagement, connecting visitors of all ages and abilities with inspiring art and demonstrating its enduring relevance to daily life. Creative initiatives — including pioneering collaborative programs with local schools, fresh approaches to exhibition design and in-gallery teaching, and a long history of studio class instruction — offer opportunities for diverse audiences to experience art and learn both from and with artists.

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, MA, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65+ and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children ages 0-17. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at [worcesterart.org](#).

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