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Families participate in Family Day | Unfreeze, April 13, 2019. Photo: Grace Duval.

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MCA Chicago announces new season of Family Day programming, including fall 2024

CHICAGO—Today, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Chicago announces its fall 2024 [Family Day](#) programming. Every second Saturday of the month, October through May, the MCA offers families free museum admission and interactive programming that redefines the way that youth and families explore and create art together. Family Day is an intentional time for families, both biological and chosen, to experience a fun and accommodating museum space that engages young visitors and their grown-ups through movement, artmaking, and learning activities.

In the upcoming 2024–25 season, Family Day will be packed with artist-led activities built on themes that include “Patterns & Portals” in October, “Screen Time” in November, and “Zines” in December. This year, Family Day Spanish-English bilingual facilitation will continue, as will the series’ longstanding engagement with artists. Families and youth will learn about art and community directly from artists including Sishi Wang, Niema Qureshi, DJ GIVENS, and Norman Long.

The Family Day series is organized by Alicia Sandoval Vadillo, Manager of Student and Family Programs. Admission is free to Family Day attendees. ASL interpretation is provided. Visit mcachicago.org/family-day to find out more about Family Day and see dates for the upcoming season.

FAMILY DAY PROGRAMS

[Family Day: Patterns & Portals](#)

October 12, 2024 | 11 am—3 pm
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

Explore patterns and portals—and possibilities! This month, take inspiration from *Virginia Jaramillo: Principle of Equivalence* to play with the magic of color and line. Join artist Sishi Wang in creating individual portals as we play with string, wire, beads, and more.

[Family Day: Screen Time](#)

November 9, 2024 | 11 am—3 pm
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

Join us on opening weekend of *The Living End: Painting and Other Technologies, 1970–2020* to make some art in the digital world. Artist Norman Long will host an interactive sound performance in the theater. Also, DJ GIVENS will put together an interactive installation for guests.

[Family Day: Zines!](#)

December 14, 2024 | 11 am—3 pm
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

Hosted in collaboration with MCA's Teen Creative Agency and their annual Zine Fest, participants at December's Family Day will be invited to make and read zines (small, DIY magazines).

The [Teen Creative Agency](#) is the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago's cultural leadership program for teens ages 15–19 years old. TCA members come together from all over the Chicago area to gain access to artistic resources and transform the MCA into a place that builds community through events including Zinefest and 21Minus.

Family Day will continue on the second Saturday of each month into May 2025. Themes for the continued season include “Press Play” for January, “Comfy Cozy” for February, “Future Past” for March, “It’s Alive!” for April, and “Borderless Worlds” for May.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Support for Family Programs is provided in part by the MCA Women’s Board Family Education Initiative.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART CHICAGO

The Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The MCA interweaves exhibitions, performances, collections, and educational programs while providing a place for audiences to contemplate and discuss contemporary art in pursuit of a creative and diverse future. The MCA believes in the values of inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) as a platform to enact structural change. The museum is generously supported by its Board of Trustees; individual and corporate members; private and corporate foundations, including the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; and government agencies. Museum capital improvements are supported by a Public Museum

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The [MCA is located at 220 E. Chicago Avenue](#) and is open 10 am to 5 pm Wednesday to Sunday and Tuesdays (free for IL residents) from 10 am to 9 pm. The museum is closed on Mondays. Admission is free for all youth 18 and under, members of the military and veterans, and MCA members. Find more information about MCA's exhibitions, programs, and special events at mcachicago.org or at 312.280.2660.



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