

## **Saturday Studios**

For over sixty-five years the Art Education Department of Massachusetts College of Art has offered high school, middle school, and elementary school students the opportunity to explore their creativity, strengthen their imagination, and enhance their problem solving skills through the Saturday Studios Program.

The Saturday Studios Program introduces students to the process of art making, enabling students to see their world differently and to engage in it more resourcefully. Course choices are available by grade level and medium, including drawing and painting, sculpture and ceramics, and advanced courses for those preparing a portfolio for college application. Students learn from one another in an amazing environment situated in Mass Art's urban college setting devoted exclusively to the visual arts.

These non-credit courses are open to all interested students, regardless of their level of experience in art. There are no prerequisites or portfolio reviews. Instructors for this program are Mass Art student teachers in the Art Education department under the supervision of Mass Art faculty. There is also a no cost parent/guardian group each week providing a wide variety of activities ranging from gallery and museum tours to guest speakers and to art making sessions. This group provides parents and guardians with a wonderful opportunity to connect with their children on art-related issues.

### ***Studios Offered***

#### **Art Exploration (Grades 4&5)**

This class explores a variety of ways of making art through drawing, painting, printmaking and working with clay and other materials. Each of the eight lessons connects to a theme which ties them all together.

#### **Art From Observation (Grades 6-8)**

This course helps you develop your own artistic viewpoint. Using people, animals, nature, and through field trips to museums and other visual resources, you will improve your ability to draw and paint in the way that you uniquely "see".

#### **Cartooning and Illustration (Grades 6-8)**

Develop and expand your own comic style, using personal stories, dreams, superheroes, and the works of (other) famous artists. Content includes illustration, animation, caricature, and themes related to fantasy and science fiction.

#### **3D Sculpture (Grades 6-8)**

Working with materials such as clay, papier-mâché, plaster and wire you will create innovative three-dimensional works of art. Explore various sculptural ideas and perspectives in this dynamic hands-on studio.

#### **Painting (Grades 6- 8 and Grades 9-12)**

This course provides the opportunity to develop your painting skills. Both traditional and non-traditional methods will be introduced, and painting media such as acrylics, oils and watercolors will be explored.

**The Self Portrait (Grades 9-12)**

Learn the time-honored basic principles and explore the technical, expressionistic, and non-objective approaches to self-portraiture. A variety of materials and formats will be used.

**Ceramics and Sculpting (Grades 9-12)**

This class helps you develop technical skills so that you can express ideas in a three-dimensional way. Using clay and other sculpting materials, you will create both functional and non-functional pieces.

**Computer Animation (Grades 9-12) \***

Create a 2D animation using various computer animation programs. Students will improve storytelling techniques in the process.

**Photography (Grades 9-12) \***

This course will cover black-and-white photography techniques, and include film development, printing, camera operation and composition. Students will need to bring their own 35mm cameras.

**Life Drawing (Grades 11 & 12)**

Explore traditional and innovative ways of rendering the human figure. Students often use the course to strengthen their portfolios for college application. A variety of media and styles are presented. Parental consent is required due to use of nude models.

**Advanced Studios for Juniors & Seniors (Grades 11 & 12)**

This course helps you to develop an independent focus and to create a cohesive body of work around an individual topic or idea. Observation, memory, literature and the works of other artists provide the context as you explore advanced concepts in art using both 2D and 3D materials. This course can help you to review and expand your portfolio.

## Parents' Group

All parents and guardians welcome – NO FEE!

The parent/guardian group provides the opportunity to broaden your own knowledge about art and artistic issues while your children attend their studio courses. Activities include conversation about art and art education, area gallery and museum tours, guest speakers, and a variety of actual art making experiences.

**For more info see the MassArt Continuing Education website:**  
[www.MassArtPlus.org](http://www.MassArtPlus.org)