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Shown left: Summer Art Camper, 2012

Combining Art, Learning and Hands-On Fun for Asheville Art Museum's Youngest Visitors: Tot Time & Summer Art Camp

ASHEVILLE, NC—Asheville Art Museum offers dynamic public programming and learning experiences for all ages throughout the year. **In February 2013 the Museum launched a new program designed especially for our youngest visitors: *Tot Time*, which takes place on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.** *Tot Time* offers preschool age children and parents fun art activities in the Museum's interactive Art PLAYce for Children. *Tot Time* is free with membership or regular Museum admission (children under 5 are always admitted free of charge). Save the date for upcoming *Tot Time* at your Museum: March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16 and August 20, 2013. For more information contact Sharon McRorie, Education Programs Manager, at 828.253.3227, ext. 122 or email smcrorie@ashevilleart.org.

The Asheville Art Museum is also pleased to offer Summer Art Camp annually to rising K – 12th grade students. Enrollment is limited and advance registration is required. **Registration is now open; parents may register their child by visiting www.ashevilleart.org and downloading a registration form on the Education/Children's section of the Web site, or by calling 828.253.3227, ext. 122.** Registration includes admission to the Museum and all materials necessary for each class. Summer Art Camp for 2013 is sponsored by the Walnut Cove Members Charitable Association. **Weekly sessions begin June 10 and conclude August 2 (no camp sessions during the week of July 1 – 5).**

Weekly Summer Art Camp sessions are held in the Museum's East Wing studio, and students may be registered for Morning, Afternoon, or All-Day sessions. Day-long campers will have a supervised lunch break. Each week, a variety of classes and art mediums will be explored, such as drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed-media sculpture and beyond—something for every skill level and area of interest. **Camp cost for 5-day morning or afternoon sessions is \$95 for Museum members and**

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\$105 for non-members. All-Day sessions are \$160 for Museum members and \$180 for non-members. Detailed camp descriptions are listed in the online registration form. The complete schedule of camp sessions for rising K – 12th grade students follows:

JUNE 10 – 14 (3rd – 5th Grades)

Morning Session: *Re-Use It*

Afternoon Session: *Modern Masters*

JUNE 17 – 21 (K – 2nd Grades)

Morning Session: *Arts Extravaganza*

Afternoon Session: *Color Your World*

JUNE 24 – 28 (3rd – 5th Grades)

Morning Session: *Mixed Media Exploration*

Afternoon Session: *Time Travelers*

JULY 8 – 12 (6th – 8th Grades)

Morning Session: *Printmaking and Sculptural Books*

Afternoon Session: *Art as a Story*

JULY 15 – 19 (3rd – 5th Grades)

Morning Session: *Mobiles, Molas, Molding and More*

Afternoon Session: *Visual Poetry and Story*

JULY 22 – 26 (9th – 12th Grades)

Morning Session: *Drawing Exploration*

Afternoon Session: *Exploring Digital Photography*

JULY 29 – AUGUST 2 (K – 2nd Grades)

Morning Session: *Mixed-Media Madness*

Afternoon Session: *Puppetry and Mask-Making*

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The Asheville Art Museum is the only nonprofit visual arts museum serving the 24 counties of Western North Carolina. Incorporated by artists in 1948, the Museum collects, preserves and interprets American art of the 20th and 21st centuries with a focus on work of significance to the Southeast.

Centrally located in downtown Asheville on Pack Square, the Museum is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Special docent-guided tour packages are available for groups and students.

Admission to the Museum is \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors and students (K-12 and college students with college ID). Children age five and younger are admitted free of charge. Members are admitted free of charge. The Holden Community Gallery, Museum Shop and Biltmore Gallery (all located on the first floor/street level of the Museum, are open at all times to the general public free of charge).

The Asheville Art Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and receives general operating support from businesses, foundations and individuals, as well as from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of North Carolina, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art. Additional support is provided by the City of Asheville and Buncombe County.

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