

Art After School Curriculum - Spring 2010

This semester, City ArtWorks will explore the work of American artist John Singer Sargent (1856 - 1925), best known for his masterful society portraits. During each class, our instructors will introduce students to Sargent's work through visual aids, while sharing information about the artist and his techniques. Students will create their own works of art inspired by the artist's featured work, such as the portrait of *Mrs. Joshua Montgomery Sears*, in the permanent collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH). Other lessons will feature the artist's work from the upcoming "Sargent and the Sea" exhibit at the MFAH, which will be on view February 14 - May 23, 2010.



John Singer Sargent, *Mrs. Joshua Montgomery Sears* (Sarah Choate Sears), 1899

City ArtWorks' teachers will present fun and age-appropriate lessons. Our focus is to nurture children's creativity while teaching basic art techniques and terminology. Children will also get a chance to explore various art media throughout the program, including drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture.

City ArtWorks collaborates with the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH) on its curriculum and other student/family outreach activities. We encourage parents to take their children to the MFAH to see some of the inspirational art that will be studied in class this semester. The museum has free admission every Thursday, the first Sunday of the month, and on weekends to all under 18 who have a library card.

Lesson: Oil Pastel Portrait

Inspiration Image: *Mrs. Joshua Montgomery Sears* (Sarah Choate Sears), 1899, MFAH Permanent Collection

Lesson: Black Marker / Graphite Sketch

Inspiration Image: Sketch after *Setting Out to Fish*, 1878, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Lesson: Watercolor Resist Painting

Inspiration Image: *Setting Out to Fish*, 1878, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Lesson: Paper 3-D Construction

Inspiration Image: *Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose*, 1885-1886, Tate Gallery, London

Lesson: Tempera Monoprint Seascape

Inspiration Image: *The Derelict*, 1876, on view at the MFAH's "Sargent and the Sea" exhibit

Lesson: Pastels / Tissue Paper Landscape

Inspiration Image: *Two Boys on a Beach with Boats*, 1878, on view at the MFAH's "Sargent and the Sea" exhibit

Lesson: Cut-Paper Design

Inspiration Image: *Daughters of Edward Darley Boit*, 1882, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Lesson: Tempera / Marker Self-Portrait

Inspiration Image: *Madame X* (Madame Pierre Gautreau), 1883-1884, Metropolitan Museum, New York

Lesson: Watercolor/Graphite Still Life

Inspiration Image: *Net and Small Boat*, 1879, on view at the MFAH's "Sargent and the Sea" exhibit

Thank you for making **Art After School** a part of your child's artistic education. If you have any questions, please call us at 713-681-1331 or visit our website at www.cityartworks.org. We welcome your feedback and encourage you to respond to our brief survey, which we will email to you at the end of our program.

City ArtWorks is a non-profit arts education organization that provides after school art classes for elementary and middle school students in the greater Houston area. Our mission is to color the future of our children and our community through meaningful art experiences. City ArtWorks is funded in part by support from foundations, corporations, and individuals. All funds help support City ArtWorks' scholarship program for students from low-income households needing financial assistance.