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2026 SCHOOL PROGRAMME CREATIVE ART WORKSHOPS AND TOURS FOR GRADES R – 9









The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum is pleased to share its 2026 School Programme, designed to support creative learning across all phases. Each term offers a curriculum aligned theme with hands on art activities tailored to developmental stages.

Exhibition tours and art workshops for school children are free of charge and will be held every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The workshops are developed to make the most of the educational aspects of the exhibitions on show and are adapted for each Grade.

SCHOOL LEARNER WORKSHOPS

Objectives:

-  To explore the city's art collection
-  To develop observation and critical thinking
-  Identify and understand various art genres and processes
-  To explore art elements and design principles
-  To create with a variety of materials and engage in a variety of art making processes
-  Nurture learners' appreciation and understanding of art, promoting a lifelong love for creative expression.



Term 1: Everything comes from somewhere

Theme: Looking after our environment

Learners will explore how objects connect to history and the environment

- **Foundation Phase (Grade R–3):** Learners Will create small 3D sculptures using recycled materials and share a simple story about an object from the past.
- **Intermediate Phase (Grade 4–6):** Learners develop a collage or drawing that reflects the history of a chosen object.
- **Senior Phase (Grade 7–9):** Learners experiment with assemblage or mixed media to tell a visual story about an object from the past, supported by still-life drawing or painting focusing on tone and contrast

Term 2: Places and Environment

Theme: Exploring spaces

This term encourages learners to think about the spaces they occupy and imagine

- **Foundation Phase (Grade R–3):** Learners draw imaginative places using shapes and colours.
- **Intermediate Phase (Grade 4–6):** Learners create cityscapes that demonstrate depth and perspective.
- **Senior Phase (Grade 7–9):** Learners develop perspective drawings or paintings and experiment with techniques to create texture and atmosphere.

Term 3: Image as Symbols

Theme: Symbols and Meanings

This term focuses on how symbols communicate ideas

- **Foundation Phase (Grade R–3):** Learners design simple symbols or logos representing a personal idea or concept.
- **Intermediate Phase (Grade 4–6):** Learners research and create symbols linked to cultural or environmental issues.
- **Senior Phase (Grade 7–9):** Learners produce mixed-media artworks using symbols or icons to convey a message or theme.



TERM 4: Form and texture

Theme: Explore with clay / plaster of paris

This term emphasises tactile learning and three-dimensional form

- **Foundation Phase (Grade R–3):** Learners sculpt 3D clay animals, focusing on basic form and texture.
- **Intermediate Phase (Grade 4–6):** Learners create clay assemblages enhanced with found objects to add texture and pattern.
- **Senior Phase (Grade 7–9):** Learners explore various materials and techniques before carving sculptures from clay or plaster of Paris.

ART WORKSHOP BOOKINGS:

Please note:

+ *Booking is essential!!*

- + The school workshop programme works on a first come first serve basis
- + School educators should book a workshop asap on 041 506 2000/1 or on 079 490 0690 or on email: artmuseum@mandelametro.gov.za
- + A Minimum of 10 learners and a maximum of 25 learners can be accommodated in the workshop area
- + Workshops are free of charge
- + Workshops are presented on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during a school term
- + Time is from 09h30 – 12h30
- + The booking is only confirmed once you have received written correspondence (email/letter) from the Art Museum
- + The school is to arrange their own transport to and from the Art Museum
- + Learners are to bring their own packed lunches
- + A school may only book 4 workshops per term.

ART MUSEUM EXHIBITION TOURS

GUIDED EXHIBITION TOURS

Educational tours of exhibitions are available for class groups. Educators who would like a guided tour for their group can contact the Art Museum to book the tour. Big groups are broken into smaller groups for the guided tours. Booking is essential to ensure a guide is available.

Duration of tours:

- ✚ Foundation Phase: 30 minutes
- ✚ Intermediate Phase: 45 minutes
- ✚ Senior Phase: 60 minutes.

SELF- GUIDED EXHIBITION TOURS

Art groups, Coordinators or Educators are welcome to guide their students or group through the Art Museum independently and view the exhibition on their own.

SPECIAL REQUEST EXHIBITION TOURS

Teachers who would like assistance to plan a special tour for their group to coincide with a special theme can contact Amanda Heshu at the Art Museum.

EXHIBITION TOUR BOOKINGS

- ✚ The exhibition tours are available throughout the year even during school holidays
- ✚ Guided tours are available after 12:00 during the school term
- ✚ Tours are free of charge
- ✚ Booking is essential, please telephone the Art Museum on 041 506 2000/1 or on 079 490 0690 as soon as possible to book or email us at artmuseum@mandelametro.gov.za
- ✚ The exhibition tours work on a first come first serve basis
- ✚ Please note that the booking is only confirmed once you have received written correspondence from the Art Museum.
- ✚ Please prepare learners for their trip to the museum by ensuring appropriate behaviour in a museum and discussing the role of the museum as an institution that collects, protects, and interpret works of art.

OPENING TIMES: Entrance is free

Weekdays: 09h00 – 16h00 (closed Tuesday mornings)

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