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Free Family-Friendly Films at the National Gallery of Art this Summer



Film still from *Ballet of Unhatched Chicks* (Shaun Seong-Young Kim, U.S., 2011), to be shown as part of the **Movin' and Groovin'** film program for children and teens at the National Gallery of Art on Saturday, July 6, Sunday, July 7, and Wednesday, July 10.

Washington, DC—The summer season of the popular Film Program for Children and Teens kicks off in July with **Movin' and Groovin'**, celebrating the joy of dance. In August, revisit Walt Disney's classic adaptation of the P. L. Travers books in *Mary Poppins*.

The film program presents a broad range of recently produced films selected for their appeal to youth and adult audiences, and helps foster an understanding of film as an art form. Age recommendations are intended to guide parents in selecting emotionally and intellectually stimulating films for their children.

For a closer look at the Gallery's own works of art, families may explore the collection using the children's audio and video tours. Designed especially for children ages 7 to 12, the audio tour highlights 50 masterpieces on display in the West Building, Main Floor galleries. Available [online](#), the children's video tour encourages users to engage with these renowned paintings both at the museum and at home.

With a full summer schedule of free activities, as well as creative toys and gifts in the Children's Shop and casual dining in the Cascade Café, the National Gallery is a dynamic destination for families to enjoy great works of art.

For more information about family programming, visit www.nga.gov/programs/family.

Film Program for Children and Teens

All film programs are shown in the East Building Auditorium. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups are welcome. Food and drink are not permitted. Programs are free and subject to change without notice. For up-to-date information on the current month's films, please call (202) 789-3030. Feature films are in English unless otherwise noted.

Movin' and Groovin'

Saturday, July 6, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 7, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 5 and up

Celebrate the joy of dance with characters who twist, twirl, tiptoe, shake, stamp, and sashay their way through life. Featured is *El Salón México* (Paul Glickman and Tamarind King, US, 2009), an animation set to Aaron Copland's 1936 musical composition of the same title, which follows the adventures of young Antonito as he dreams of attending his very first fiesta. Other films include *Mobile* (Verena Fels, Germany, 2010), about a cow whose precarious perch tests the laws of gravity; *Ballet of Unhatched Chicks* (Shaun Seong-Young Kim, US, 2011), an ode to self-expression; and *Giraffes Can't Dance* (Weston Woods, US, 2007), the tale of Gerald the giraffe whose passion for dance overcomes the doubts of the animal kingdom. *Approximately 55 minutes.*

Mary Poppins

Saturday, August 10, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 11, 11:30 a.m.

Ages 7 and up

Don't miss this *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* story of the magical nanny Mary Poppins. Produced by Walt Disney in 1964 as a musical adaptation of the P. L. Travers books, the film blends live action and animated figures and includes many memorable songs: "A Spoonful of Sugar," "Feed the Birds," "Chim Chim Cher-ee," and "Let's Go Fly a Kite." (Robert Stevenson, US / UK, 1964) *Approximately 139 minutes.*

Children's Audio Tour: West Building Highlights

Acoustiguide Desk, West Building, Main Floor, Rotunda

Explore 50 paintings in the West Building with an audio tour designed especially for children ages 7 to 12. To reserve audio tours for groups of 10 or more, call (202) 842-6592. Free of charge. *The National Gallery of Art Children's Audio Tour is made possible through the generous support of the MSST Foundation.*

Children's Video Tour: West Building Highlights

The video tour enables children to explore works of art on display in the West Building of the National Gallery of Art through an online tour featuring 50 videos. Find the Children's Video Tour at www.nga.gov/education/timetravel/index.htm.

Family Guides: Italian, Dutch, and American Art at the National Gallery of Art

Gallery Information Desks

Designed for families with children ages 6 and up, each free family booklet includes activities to guide visitors' exploration of the Gallery's Italian, Dutch, and American collections and questions to encourage group discussions. Download at www.nga.gov/ginfo/index.htm#visitor. *The guides are made possible through the generous support of the MSST Foundation.*

NGAkids Online

An entertaining and informative introduction to art and art history, **NGAkids** offers a variety of art-making tools, games, and narratives suitable for children of all ages.

The Children's Shop

The Children's Shop on the Concourse offers an array of art-inspired items for children, including books, games and puzzles, toys, artists' supplies, and DVDs. To browse a selection online, visit <http://shop.nga.gov>.

Cascade Café

Concourse

Monday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Cascade Café offers a selection of soups, salads, specialty entrees, wood-fired pizzas, sandwiches, and desserts. For those with limited time, prepackaged lunch boxes containing a sandwich, chips, cookie, and a beverage may be ordered in advance. For information about boxed lunches and group lunch vouchers, call (202) 712-7458.

Espresso & Gelato Bar

Concourse

Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

In addition to tea, coffee, and specialty espresso beverages, the Espresso & Gelato Bar offers 19 flavors of house-made gelato and a selection of fresh sandwiches, salads, pastries, and desserts.

General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are at all times free to the public. They are located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets at Constitution Avenue NW, and are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. With the exception of the atrium and library, the galleries in the East Building will remain closed for approximately three years for Master Facilities Plan and renovations. For specific updates on gallery closings, visit <http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/Collection/modern-art-during-renovation.html>.

For information call (202) 737-4215 or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (202) 842-6176, or visit the Gallery's Web site at www.nga.gov. Follow the Gallery on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ngadc.

Visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection upon entering. Checkrooms are free of charge and located at each entrance. Luggage and other oversized bags must be presented at the 4th Street entrances to the East or West Building to permit x-ray screening and must be deposited in the checkrooms at those entrances. For the safety of visitors and the works of art, nothing may be carried into the Gallery on a visitor's back. Any bag or other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in some other manner must be left in the checkrooms. Items larger than 17 by 26 inches cannot be accepted by the Gallery or its checkrooms.

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