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Kidding Around

For this installment of Kidding Around, the special Recorder feature for young readers, we welcome the **Katonah Museum of Art**.

Yes, You Should Bring Children to Art Museums!

Art museums aren't just for grown-ups. Experiencing art helps children use their senses, build spatial reasoning skills, and think creatively. At the Katonah Museum of Art, children of all abilities are welcomed and encouraged to explore

exhibitions in fun, engaging ways. Stop by the KMA and The Pollack Family Learning Center for drop-in art activities related to our current exhibition "**Shen Wei: STILL/MOVING**," open through April 19.



Scan this QR code and listen to the symphony that artist Shen Wei was listening to as he painted one of the artworks in "**Shen Wei: STILL/MOVING**."



Shen Wei (b. 1968 in Hunan, China. Lives and works in New York, NY, U.S.A. and Paris, France). Movement No. 6 (Slide-turn B in Gray), 2005-06. Collection of the artist. Photo courtesy of the artist.

Activities

Here are some things to do at home to support deeper engagement with art.

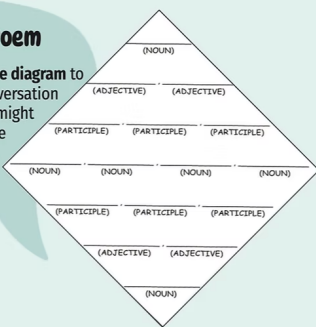
Ask questions to help kids talk about art.

- What do you see?
- What does it remind you of?
- How does it make you feel?
- If you were to step inside this artwork, what would you hear, smell, or even taste?



Diamonte Poem

Use the **Diamonte diagram** to turn your art conversation into a poem. You might be surprised by the stories and poems that come to life!



Grab your favorite watercolor set and let your paintbrush dance!

Imagine your brush is a dancer. Find its core or center and explore the balance as it moves.

Try any of these prompts to help you get started:

- Paint with the tip of your brush.
- Paint with the side of your brush.
- Make a mark by shifting your brush from the tip to the side.
- Paint with your whole arm, not just your wrist.
- Try slow, gliding movements and quick, short gestures.

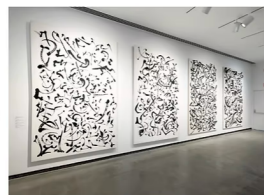


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Katonah Museum of Art

We hope to see you at the KMA's upcoming Family programs. Please visit katonahmuseum.org to learn more about our exhibitions and programs. KMA is located at 134 Jay Street, Katonah. For information, call 914-232-9555.

The KMA welcomes visitors of all ages and abilities to enjoy and engage with its exhibitions and programs. As a member of the Town of Bedford's Inclusive Initiative, we are certified as a Neurodivergent Supportive Organiza-



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tion and can offer accessible accommodations upon request.

