Art for Everyone

Family-friendly programs at the Hood Museum of Art and the Hopkins Center

Not only do Dartmouth’s arts facilities bring hundreds of world-renowned artists, performers, and groups to the Upper Valley each year, they also offer programs tailored specifically to meet the needs, interests, and schedules of Upper Valley residents.

The Hood

The Hood Museum of Art houses a richly diverse collection of works of art and both organizes and hosts inspiring traveling exhibitions. The museum serves up a variety of programs for adults, teens, families, and regional schools throughout the year to enrich... talks, receptions, hands-on workshops, and guided tours of the collections and exhibitions are just a few examples.

Thousands of school-age children visit the museum each year through tours and other programs. Family Days, offered on selected Sundays, provide opportunities for families to explore the museum together. Family Guide brochures designed for specific exhibitions are available in the galleries daily and are specially designed for children ages 6 to 12.

ArtVentures, an art exploration program for children age 8 and older, are held the first Saturday of each month from October through May.

Unless otherwise noted, all Hood Museum programs are free. For more information about all of the museum’s exhibitions, programs, and events, see hoodmuseum.dartmouth.edu or by call (603) 646-2808.

The Hop

The Hopkins Center (The “Hop”) presents over 300 events each year, offering world-class performances of music, theater, and dance, many with special discounted ticket prices for concert-goers ages 18 or younger. A perennial summertime favorite, the Big Apple Circus, returns to its field on Lyme Road in Hanover this summer.

Step Right Up, this year’s circus, runs from July 20-26 and is sponsored by Ledyard National Bank.

During the school year, the free HopStop family series opens doors to the performing arts for young audiences. These hour-long presentations are offered one Saturday each month, with interactive and engaging music, theater, and dance from cultures around the world in a family-friendly environment.

Other Hop Outreach and Arts Education programs, such as school matinees, workshops, lecture/demonstrations, and discussions with artists, touch the lives of over 22,000 community members each year.

For more information about the Big Apple Circus and other Hop family programs, visit hop.dartmouth.edu or call the Box Office at 603-646-2422.

Above: Musician Stephen Coronella performs for community families at a Hopkins Center HopStop presentation. Right: Children experience art up close at a Hood Family Day.

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Coming Events

For a full listing of Dartmouth events, visit www.dartmouth.edu/~calendar

* Dartmouth College Gospel Choir
  Enjoy an afternoon of high-energy and spiritually uplifting music.
  * Sunday, May 6, at 2 p.m.
  * Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center
  * $12, schoolchildren $6
  * 646-2422

Sandra Postel, founder of Global Fresh Water Policy, and Brian Richter, director of the Sustainable Waters Program, The Nature Conservancy
  * Friday, May 11, at 4:30 p.m.
  * Filene Auditorium, Moore Hall
  * 646-2207

*Hood Museum of Art Exhibition Tour: Thin Ice: Inuit Traditions within a Changing Environment*
Thin Ice explores traditional Inuit life through the 19th- and early 20th-century art and artifacts that indigenous Arctic peoples used to survive within this challenging environment. No registration is needed.
  * Saturday, May 5, at 2 p.m.
  * Hood Museum of Art
  * 646-2808