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**ACADEMY ART MUSEUM – SEPTEMBER 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**EXHIBITIONS**

***Modernist Inclinations: The Art of Jan Matulka***

The Academy Art Museum in Easton, MD, will host the exhibition, *Modernist Inclinations: The Art of Jan Matulka*, through October 16, 2011. In the 1920s and 30s, Jan Matulka (1890-1972) was a leader in the New York art world promoting new modes of expression based on his experiences in Paris and across Europe. As an artist and a teacher, he investigated and advocated Cubism, Surrealism, Precisionism and related movements. *The exhibition is underwritten in part by gifts from Mary Beth Cahill and Steve Champlin, PURE and The Avon Dixon Agency and sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council and the Talbot County Arts Council. The Academy Art Museum would also like to thank the Estate of Jan Matulka and the McCormick Gallery in Chicago, Illinois for their assistance in organizing this exhibition.*

**Photo: Jan Matulka, *Canoe & Sailboat on Lake*, 1920's, (detail), Watercolor on paper, Estate of Jan Matulka (Matulka: Canoe & Sailboat on Lake.jpg)**

***Color Works, Pastel Paintings by Katie Cassidy***

Through October 16, 2011, the Academy Art Museum will feature the drawings and pastels of instructor Katie Cassidy. Drawing and the figure are Cassidy's real passions. She prefers figurative work and working from life rather than photographs. The works in this exhibition speak for themselves.

**Photo: Katie Cassidy, *Wonderment*, 2011, Pastel (Katie's Image.jpg)**

### ***Working Artist Forum***

This exhibition by the Working Artists Forum (WAF) will be on display through December 4, 2011 at the Academy Art Museum. WAF is a group of professional artists, each artist juried in by a panel of five members in good standing, which meets monthly at the Academy Art Museum. Their work is in an ever growing number of private and corporate collections across the United States and abroad.

### **MUSICAL OFFERINGS**

#### ***JAZZED UP! A Celebration to Kick Off the Fall Season***

Featuring Latin jazz group: Afro Bop Alliance

Academy Art Museum

Latin Tapas by Oxford Greens and Cash Bar

Friday, September 9, 6-8 p.m.

Cost: \$55 Members, \$90 Non-members

In addition to excellent Latin jazz, this event will feature guided tours of the Museum's exhibitions and renovated studios, artist demonstrations in studios, dance demonstrations and FREE dance lessons in studios. Tickets purchased enter participants in a drawing to win the following: Academy Art Museum membership for a year, an art class of their choice, a Music at Noon series ticket, a ticket to evening concert at the Museum, a visual art trip, or an assortment of books and CD's.

#### **Artwork: (Jazz Image.tiff)**

#### **Music at the Museum**

Academy Art Museum

Classes held Mondays or Fridays, 11:45-12:15 p.m. (beginning week of September 12)

For ages infant through 3 years

Cost: \$195 Members, \$205 Non-members

Music and movement, laughter and learning are all part of a music at the museum class. Based on research indicating the importance of music in making children better learners, this curriculum promotes development in every area of a child's life - cognitive, language, social, emotional, motor and of course develops musical skills too!

### **DANCE OFFERINGS**

#### **Adult Ballroom & Latin Dance**

Amanda Showell

Academy Art Museum

A variety of classes are offered September through December 2011. For further information, call (410) 482-6169 or visit [www.dancingontheshore.com](http://www.dancingontheshore.com).

### **Ballet Theatre of Maryland**

Academy Art Museum

A wide range of classes in ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance are offered for children of all ages. An Open House will be held on August 30 & 31 from 5-7 p.m. For further information or to register for classes, contact the Ballet Theatre of Maryland at 410-224-5644.

### **ACADEMY ART MUSEUM - CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

The Academy Art Museum is offering a range of fall workshops and classes in drawing, painting, pastels, photography, pottery, writing, paper making, book making and needlepoint for adults and children. For further information, visit [www.academyartmuseum.org](http://www.academyartmuseum.org) or call 410-822-2787.