

# Picture Person Program

## at The Peoria Riverfront Museum



### **What is the Picture Person Program?**

Picture Person is an art appreciation program for elementary and middle schools. Schools provide their own parent volunteers (presenters) and a coordinator to work with the museum. The museum lends out art print packages, and provides support year-round. The museum has more than 80 different sets of print packages containing reproduction artwork and background information about the artwork, including discussion questions and activity ideas. Most participating schools have presentations once a month for each classroom, but some schools start with one grade and expand gradually. Depending on the teachers' preferences, the presentations can last from 30–60 minutes. The volunteers (usually parents from the classrooms) work with their coordinator (also a parent volunteer) and the teachers to schedule the presentations.

### **What is the purpose of the Picture Person Program?**

The purpose of the Picture Person Program is to foster in students an appreciation for art history and the visual arts. This program is also structured to assist the Picture Person volunteer and the classroom teacher in fulfilling the former Illinois State Goals for Learning in Fine Arts.

### **Who participates in this program?**

This program is available to any school and instructor. We also encourage use by home schooling groups and other educational entities. The September training session is geared for kindergarten through sixth grade class, but the program can be adapted for any age group. Teachers can be their own Picture Persons.

### **Who benefits from this program?**

Students, teachers, and volunteers all benefit from this program. Students learn about fine arts. Picture Person presentations assist the teachers with providing a well-rounded curriculum, particularly in schools without a formal art program. Volunteers have the opportunity to gain new knowledge—no previous experience with art history is required or expected. Parent volunteers have the chance to be more involved in their children's education. Volunteers also actively enhance art education in area schools by participating in the Picture Person Program.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### How long may I keep the prints I borrow?

We ask that you keep prints no longer than 2 weeks.

#### Is there a fee for using Picture Person prints?

No, prints can be borrowed free of charge.

#### I've heard about art activities. Do I have to have the students do an art project?

Many schools ask the volunteers to lead an art activity related to the piece of art you discuss at your presentation. Check with your school to find out what the expectations are. Art activity ideas are included in most Picture Person kits.

### Where can I pick up prints?

Many schools have their own prints. Check with your school to find out. Even if your school has a set of prints, you may borrow our prints as well. Prints can be picked up from the Picture Person/School Loan room at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. Park in the museum's parking garage (entrance off of Water Street between Main St. and Liberty St. Enter the museum from the parking garage. Ask at Security (on the right as you come in) to let you in to School Loan if the door is locked. Please sign in on the clipboard just inside the door of the School Loan area. Find the print(s) you need on the far end of the room and sign them out in the check-out notebook. When you return them, sign the prints back in and return the prints to their appropriate spots. Please do not take any School Loan materials unless you have reserved them. School Loan is a separate program (<http://www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org/educators/educator-resources/school-loan>). Someone in the office will be happy to validate your parking ticket for you.

### What do the kits contain?

Kits contain reproductions of artwork and a folder of resources to help you plan your presentation.

### May I reserve prints in advance?

No, prints are available on a first-come-first-served basis only.

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