“...an amazing experience in our own backyard”

...is how a local first grade teacher describes her students’ recent visit to the VBMA. Thousands of children, families, seniors, and adults of all ages visit the Museum every year for inspiration, learning, and enjoyment. We all see a little bit of ourselves in the works of art on the Museum’s walls, and some of us find our hidden talent in the Museum Art School studios. For our students and for all of our visitors, art has the power to engage and inspire in a way that words alone cannot. Sponsorship fuels that power.

Program and exhibition sponsorship is an important component of program funding at the VBMA. While your membership funds more than 30% of the Museum’s operating budget, Sponsorship supports programs and exhibitions. The Museum is committed to providing creative educational, artistic and humanities-based opportunities for our entire community, and our Sponsors ensure that art is accessible to all.

Please join us in making a difference in the life of our community.
Museum Explorations on the Go

In addition to the popular Museum Explorations program for students and teachers, the On the Go version was designed in response to teacher feedback and requests for more opportunities to do project-based activities related to Museum exhibitions, through off-site classroom engagements. Professional teaching artists and Museum educators provide 60-minute classroom presentations using artworks from the VBMA collection and exhibitions and related activities to reinforce learning through hands-on projects. Over the past three years, Museum Explorations on the Go has become the primary vehicle for art education, reaching students through partner organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, and the Gifford Youth Achievement Center. It is now established as a successful alternative for schools and organizations for which field trips are not an option due to challenges such as transportation, time and finances. In the fall of 2022 alone, the VBMA served 390 students from eight schools and community organizations.

Family Programs

The Museum offers programs for families with young children, including Museum Stories, Museum Babies and Toddlers, and Museum Studios. These programs offer one-of-a-kind experiences for families to see authentic works of art, integrate literacy, and create art, all in one visit. Experiences at the Museum encourage “parents as first teachers” and help prepare children for Kindergarten. And kids of all ages can explore their creative side in the Art Zone, an interactive space of discovery and fun!

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Art for Health’s Sake emphasizes the power of creative expression in improving health and well-being. These classes and programs focus on the process of creating rather than the end product, and are facilitated in an inspiring, relaxing and fun environment.

A+ Art - Serving teens and young adults on the autism spectrum, their siblings and parents, VBMA works closely with behavior analysts and other experts to design safe, welcoming and appropriate gallery and art-making experiences, while providing a variety of creative options and sensory stimuli to appeal to all participants.

Artful Engagements - A partnership with the Senior Resource Association and the Alzheimer & Parkinson Association, specially trained Museum faculty artists take expressive art activities into SRA’s Adult Day Care program and APA at their Vero Beach and Sebastian facilities.

Movement at the Museum and Movement in the Moment - Partnering with the Alzheimer & Parkinson Association, individuals with movement challenges and/or cognitive impairment enjoy music and choreographed movement to experience the grace and joy of moving in community.

Veterans Program - Designed as a safe, creative, and community-sharing environment where veterans can explore exhibition-based, art-making experiences. Five-week classes have included photography, drawing, acrylics, clay, pastels, and a community mural project.

Community Impact

Children’s Art Festival & Holidays at the Museum

The VBMA offers two community-wide festivals annually - the Children’s Art Festival and Holidays at the Museum. Both are free to the public and include docent-led tours, art hunts, art-making activities, and music and dance performances by local student groups. The Children’s Art Festival also includes the Indian River County Juried Student Exhibition, open to all middle and high school students in the district. Both events bring more than 4,000 children and their families to the Museum!
International Lecture Series

The premier Vero Beach lecture program, now in its 42nd year, brings the finest arts and humanities speakers to our community. In 2024, the Museum will present four high-profile speakers whose presentations align with our winter exhibition, *Ancient Egypt & the Napoleonic Era: Masterworks from the Dahesh Museum of Art*, including Lady Fiona Carnarvon, who will present *The Earl and the Pharaoh: The Discovery of Tutankhamun*.

Lifelong Learning

Film Studies

Cinema is one of the most popular and accessible art forms in our society today, and the Vero Beach Museum of Art presents 25 of the finest classic, foreign, and art house films in five courses each year. Context and moderated class discussion enrich each presentation for hundreds of participants each week.

Atlantic Classical Orchestra

Chamber Music Series

The Vero Beach Museum of Art and the Atlantic Classical Orchestra will celebrate our 17th season in 2024. This partnership presents the accomplished ACO musicians who provide a moving and intimate musical experience in the Museum's Leonhardt Auditorium.