

## Tour Information for Teachers

### **VMFA on the Road Mission:**

The mission of *VMFA on the Road* is to engage intergenerational Virginia audiences by delivering the opportunity for interaction with authentic objects through hands on activities, immersive digital experiences, and associated programming.

### **A Statewide Artmobile for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:**

- a mobile interactive art space that bring works from the VMFA's art collection
- a dynamic educational space with hands-on activities and digital inter-actives
- promotes the power of authentic objects and creativity through a highly interactive mobile museum learning center
- an intergenerational learning space using principles of Universal Design.  
*Universal Design is a principle that makes space and resources accessible to the widest scope of visitors.*

### **VMFA on the Road 1<sup>st</sup> exhibition- A View from Home: Landscapes of Virginia**

**Overall Goal:** Explore the diversity and beauty of Virginia's landscape, from the Atlantic Coast to the Appalachian Mountains and the D.C/ Metro area to rural South side, through artists and their works of art.

- Understand how one's environment (unique place) and travel inspired and continues to inspire artists through time.
- Experience/Practice creativity and observation through drawing, assembling, and play.
- Explore the role of form and function in visual arts as it relates to material, process and composition.

## What to expect on a tour: 30 minutes

- Guests greeted by the entire *VMFA On the Road* team.
- Tour guide/educator(s) will go over guidelines for gallery conduct (2 minutes)
- Enter artmobile and hear short introduction of the exhibition layout (3-5 minutes)
  - Talk about Virginia landscape and map!
- Give students time to explore and interact in the space: (10 minutes)
  - Touch screen Virginia map
  - Look at the artwork
  - Read the labels
  - Listen/watch videos on tablet
  - Explore color shape game screen
- Students can bring sketchbooks or we can pass out activity sheet and paper (with clipboard and pencils) to begin gallery activities.
- Activities depend on the size and age of the group, can take 10-15 minutes
- Categories for VMFA activities below: (more than 1 can be selected)
  - Looking to learn
  - Sketching to learn
  - Writing to learn
  - Moving to learn (does not need writing material)
- SOL supported gallery activities will:
  - Build on critical thinking
  - Inspire careful observations
  - Create thoughtful inferences
  - Stimulate curiosity
  - Encourage personal connections
  - Heighten awareness
  - Emphasize role playing
  - Activate imagination
  - Encourage group work
  - Create an environment of discussion
- Educators will guide and share known facts about the artists and their artwork.
- Educators will encourage college-bound and college art students to apply to the Visual Arts Fellowship Program for 2022-2023. <https://www.vmfa.museum/programs/college/visual-arts-fellowships/>
- Cell phones are welcomed, we allow photographs (without flash) inside the artmobile.
- We like all to use **#vmfaontheroad** when posting photographs on social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).
- Take aways will be available for visitors.
- We request everyone to fill out an **Online Survey**; rating their artmobile experience. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArtMobile\\_VirginiaLandscapes](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArtMobile_VirginiaLandscapes)