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BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM

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## FREE admission to BAM on Museum Day, September 26!

A perfect opportunity to explore BAM's unique art, craft and design exhibitions.

**BELLEVUE, WA – Bellevue Arts Museum** will once again participate in the *Smithsonian* magazine's fifth annual Museum Day. **BAM** will open its doors free of charge on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from Noon until 5 pm to Smithsonian.com visitors and *Smithsonian* magazine readers. Attendees must present a Museum Day Admission Card to gain free entry to participating institutions. Each card provides museum access for two people, and one admission card is permitted per household. The Admission Card can be downloaded at <http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/admission.html>.

**Bellevue Arts Museum's** critically acclaimed exhibitions feature the exceptional work of international and national as well as regional artists working in the field of art, craft and design. On September 26, three great examples of **BAM's** efforts to bring new and surprising exhibitions to local audiences will be on view:

**ÜberPortrait:** BAM's highly-acclaimed exhibition, curated by Stefano Catalani, offers new perspectives on contemporary portraiture and its cultural implications.

**The Miniature Worlds of Bruce Metcalf:** This exhibition brings to life the whimsical and engaging work of leading art jeweler, Bruce Metcalf.

**Judy Hill: The Self Transparent:** Offering a glimpse into the dynamic relationship between artist and collector, *The Self Transparent* features glass and ceramic figurines by Portland-based artist Judy Hill.

**BAM** also offers the following Educational & Community Programs during Museum Day:

**Pratt Demonstrations: Color on Steel with Marc Mullin • 1 - 3 pm • FREE**

Seattle artist Marc Mullin will demonstrate the two dimensional possibilities that steel provides using non-traditional painting methods and sculptural approaches used in his own work.

**Get Crafty Saturdays! Miniature Worlds • 1 - 3 pm • \$2 materials fee or FREE with admission**

Expand on your visit to the exhibition *The Miniature Worlds of Bruce Metcalf* by creating your own small character and a miniature world for him to live in. Use a variety of craft materials to create your character and cardboard and foam to create his world. Visit the exhibition for inspiration or let your creativity be your guide. Ages 4+

**Reel Grrls Film Series & Reception • 2 - 2:30 pm • FREE**

View award-winning films from Reel Grrls, the afterschool video production program for teen girls in Seattle. Meet youth filmmakers and instructors and learn about how to get involved. Reception to follow. Recommended ages 9+

"We are excited to partner with Smithsonian Magazine to provide free admission to BAM on September 26," says **Executive Director/CEO Mark W. Crawford**. "Accessibility is a key commitment of the Museum and we hope that many people will take advantage of this great opportunity to see wonderful and surprising works of art." **BAM** also offers free admission on the first Friday of every month from 11 am until 8 pm.

### About Bellevue Arts Museum

**Bellevue Arts Museum** is the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of art, craft, and design. A leading arts center on the Eastside, **BAM** celebrates regional, national and international artists working in a broad range of craft media, including ceramics, fiber, metal, wood and glass. The Museum also offers a unique array of free or low-cost educational and community programs such as artist demonstrations, lectures and workshops as well as a variety of engaging and fun hands-on kids activities. The **Bellevue Arts Museum artsfair**, the largest and most prestigious arts event in the Pacific Northwest attracting over 350,000 visitors, is held annually in July. **BAM** is located in the heart of downtown Bellevue, provides free parking and is wheelchair accessible.

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