

# The Heckscher Museum of Art

## FAMILY ACTIVITY GUIDE



### THE HECKSCHER COLLECTS RECENT ACQUISITIONS

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#### WELCOME TO THE HECKSCHER MUSEUM!

Museums display **collections** of objects that have historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest.

A **collection** is a group of objects that share similarities and are gathered in one place.

This **exhibition** includes artwork that The Heckscher Museum has added to its collection within the last 5 years.

#### Who is a curator?

A **curator** is responsible for managing and displaying artistic and cultural collections.

The Heckscher Museum's curator is Lisa Chalif. She has one of the most important jobs at the museum! Lisa looks through the museum's entire collection and decides what to include in exhibitions.

Not only does Lisa use artwork the museum already owns, but she also finds new pieces for the museum to borrow or buy.



Red Grooms, *Jackson in Action*, 1997. 3-dimensional color lithograph on Rives BFK paper, cut out, glued and mounted in Plexiglas case. Museum Purchase 2018.2

#### SPOTLIGHT *Jackson in ACTION!*

Artist **Red Grooms** (b. 1937) created this portrait of abstract expressionist artist **Jackson Pollock** (1912-1956).

Pollock is in the middle of creating a painting in his studio. Look closely. What details do you see around him?

Look at the way Pollock is painting. What is unusual about it? Why do you think he has so many arms? Pollock is famous for his **drip** or **action painting** technique, in which he poured and dripped paint in all directions!

Is this artwork **2-D** (flat), or **3-D**? What details are 3-D and why do you think the artist made them pop out?

MORE ACTIVITIES ON  
THE OTHER SIDE!



# Imagine your work of art is in this exhibit!

What kind of art would you add?

Draw your own artwork that you would contribute to our collection!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Can you Solve this Riddle?

Find the work of art described in each clue below. Write the **title** and the **year** each artwork was made in the spaces. Then, fill in the letters or numbers in the spaces below to answer HUEY's riddle!

**CLUE: I am red and have four legs, but no face.**

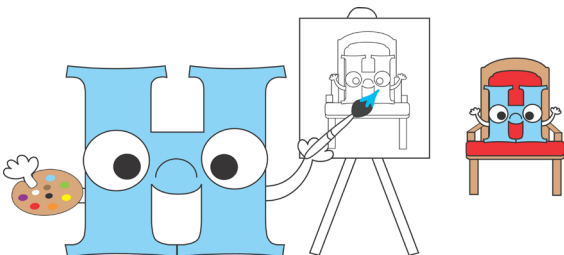
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CLUE: I am filled with shadows, but also a rainbow of colors.**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CLUE: I am black and white and show a place in nature.**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### HUEY'S RIDDLE

*How many pieces does the museum have in its collection?*

4 3 1 2