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**WHITNEY**  
**KIDS**

# **VISITING THE WHITNEY**

**For families with kids on the autism spectrum**



Whitney Museum of American Art. Photograph by Nic Lehoux

Today we are going to go to an art museum with our family. We will be at the Museum for about one and a half hours. While we are there we will look at art, make our own art, and have fun.



Whitney staff greet visitors in the lobby, May 2015. Photograph by Filip Wolak

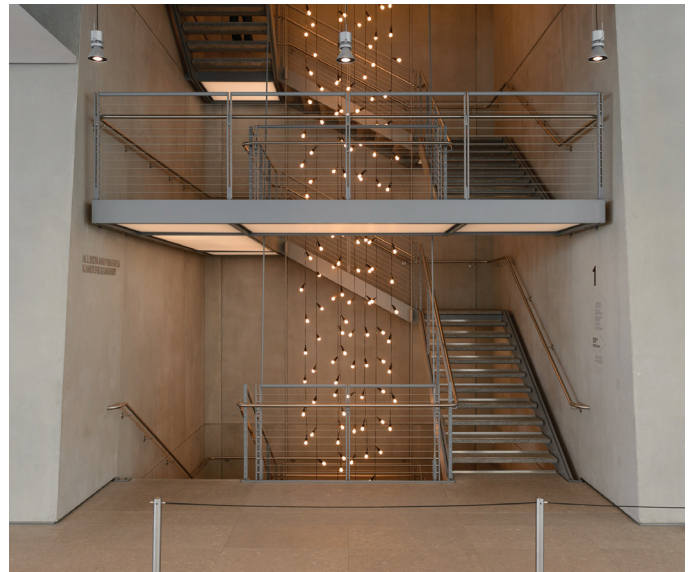
When we get to the Museum, we will go into the lobby. In the lobby, we will meet people who work at the Museum. These people are very nice and are here to help make sure we stay safe and have fun.





Whitney staff greet families in the lobby, May 2015. Photograph by Filip Wolak

After we get a ticket then we can take either the stairs or the elevator to go to Floor Three. At the Whitney Museum, each elevator is a work of art and is special inside—it might look like a basket, a door, a window, a mirror, or even a table.



Photograph by Filip Wolak





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On Floor Three, there is an art-making room. In the art-making room, we can touch things and look out the windows. We can also sit on the chairs or have a snack. There is a bathroom just down the hall if we need one.



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We will meet our guide Melanie in the art-making room. She will be with us the whole time we are at the Museum. If we have any questions or need anything, she will help us. She will also make sure that we have fun while we are at the Museum.

We will be given a sticker with our name on it to wear on our shirt. Other families will be there too, and they will also have stickers so we know what their names are.



Photograph by Alex Rapf





Visitors on opening day of the Whitney, May 2015. Photography by Filip Wolak

Our guide will tell us the rules at the Museum:

1. Keep our hands down and our bodies safe. Please don't touch the art in the galleries.
2. No food or drink in the galleries.
3. Stay with our group and with our guard.
4. Speak quietly and listen to other people who are speaking.

We can try our best to follow the rules. By following the rules, we will be safe while we have fun at the Museum.



Next we will go to the galleries and look at the art. We will sit on the floor of the gallery with our family and look at art, talk about art, and have fun.





Photograph by Filip Wolak

Next we will go back to the art-making room. We will make our own art with our family. We will use whatever colors and shapes we want in our own art. It will be fun. At the end we can take our art home with us.



Photograph by Filip Wolak





View of the Whitney lobby, May 2015. Photograph by Filip Wolak

When we are finished, we will leave the art-making room and go back down to the lobby. There will be more people in the Museum than when we arrived. This is okay.

We will take our things with us and leave the Museum with our family. We can come back to the Museum and have fun again on another day!

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