



THE BIG DRAW-2010

A month of Arts Events
COMING THIS OCTOBER

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The third annual THE BIG DRAW-Ruskin returns this Fall 2010 to the Tampa Bay area. Partners in this month long series of arts events, SouthShore Arts Council, Tampa Museum of Art and Arts Council of Hillsborough County, invite your participation in this year's BigDraw.

THE BIG DRAW is international in scope and invites every one of all ages and experience into events that use drawing to engage minds and imaginations. Drawing workshops, classes, events and activities that explore possibilities of drawing in a variety of ways are hosted at different venues by museums of all kinds, libraries, universities, schools and other organizations during October. The idea is to host events in which participants can discover drawing as a great, learnable medium for observation, expression, exploration and fun!

All events are linked under the umbrella of "The BIG DRAW" to provide an array of stimulating offerings to the community—and visibility for the Arts and institutions and organizations in our area. THE BIG DRAW is inspired by and linked to the international Campaign for Drawing that first began in Great Britain in honor of artist, theorist and philosopher John Ruskin.

2010 EVENT DATES

October 1 – 31 – The BIGDRAW Season (a month of sponsored events)

October 9 – International Day of Drawing

(Hosted by the Tampa Museum of Art in the Tampa area)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Tampa Museum of Art will host a page on its website featuring area BIGDRAW events, with links to the hosting organization and information. This will provide the central reference point and presence for area BIGDRAW offerings. The BIGDRAW-Ruskin will also be registered on the international site.

On the International Day of Drawing, Oct. 9, Tampa Museum of Art will host *The BIG DRAW-IN*, a celebratory family day of arts activities for all ages, that will join hundreds of events held on the 9th around the world. The Tampa Museum

has sponsored the International Day held in Ruskin for the last two years, and is pleased to host this year's event in its new facility for the Tampa Bay area. *The SouthShore Arts Council, will jump start BIGDRAW–Ruskin in south Hillsborough county with The BIG PICTURE PARTY on September 26, a collaborative event, co-sponsored with SouthShore Regional Library.*

We invite you to join in by hosting your own BigDraw event during October by offering a single event that builds on what your organization uniquely does or your facility offers. Other institutions might host International Day in other area communities, or plan for Friday the 8th or Sunday the 10th to create an energized weekend of events. There are many possibilities!

Complete information and great ideas are posted on the international site <http://www.campaignfordrawing.org> Take a look at the very successful 2008 and 2009 BIGDRAW-RUSKIN, initiated and organized in the area by SouthShore Arts Council at <http://www.bigdrawruskin.org/>

Have an Idea? Want to participate?

To indicate your interest in hosting an event:

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(Due date for web text, etc., will be provided)

To host an event in the SouthShore Hillsborough County area:

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General Questions about THE BIGDRAW & hosting events:

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I would rather teach drawing that my pupils may learn to love nature, than teach them looking at nature that they may learn to draw.”- John Ruskin

