

Dear Educator,

The materials on this website have been designed specifically for your use with your students prior to and/or after your visit to The Wier Show at the Janice Mason Art Museum. We have tried to make the materials “teacher friendly” and comprehensive. Our exhibit contains twenty-two pieces of art created by fifteen contemporary artists. For your convenience, we have organized the information according to artist.

Just above the “Educational Resources” link you will find the name of each artist in the exhibit. Clicking on the artist’s name will take you to sites where you can view other art works by that artist.

When you enter the “Educational Resources,” you will find several links that we hope will be beneficial to you and your students. We have included a master vocabulary list with definitions of the terms, which are [highlighted](#) in your resource material. Many of the words included in this list are terminology included in the arts and humanities component of KERA.

We also have a link to an art critique, “4 Steps in Art Criticism,” which will help you to guide your students as they critically view a piece of art. This critique will enable students to describe, analyze, interpret and make judgements about a piece of art. Information from this critique can be helpful in numerous writing assignments and in discussions about the art.

We have listed each of the fifteen artists represented in this exhibit. Each artist link will give you a wealth of information about that artist. Under each artist you will find biographical information about each artist, information about his style and contributions to the art world, and specific information about the art piece(s) that artist has on exhibit. There is a list of related terms, which have been [highlighted](#) in the information about the artist and his work. All of this information can be downloaded and used with your students prior to your visit to give them valuable background information before viewing the exhibit.

We have also included for your benefit the appropriate KERA learner outcomes that would be applicable to the study of that artist. Following the learner outcomes are objectives for lessons on that artist and his art work. The last two sections are “Suggested Questions” and “Related Activities” that can be used with students before and/or after your visit. These learner outcomes, questions, and activities are broken down into K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 levels.

To make your visit enriching and meaningful for your students, we encourage you to use this information as a resource and to work with your students in the classroom before and after your visit to the museum. Please feel free to adapt, modify, and build on these materials in any way you wish to be most beneficial to your students.

If we can be of further help to you, please feel free to contact the Janice Mason Art Museum at (270) 522- 9056. We look forward to your visit. Enjoy!