

Newcomb Art Museum hosts digital family day

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Brandan 'Bmike' Odums will demonstrate his crosshatching technique during Newcomb Art Museum's digital family day on Saturday, Nov. 21. The demonstration is part of a day of fun activities for young art lovers. (Photo provided by Newcomb Art Museum)

In conjunction with Newcomb Art Museum's current exhibition, [*NOT Supposed 2-Be Here*](#), the first solo museum exhibition by New Orleans native Brandan "Bmike" Odums, the museum will host a free digital family day for all ages on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Beginning at 10 a.m. with a release of downloadable coloring pages and an activity comic book inspired by the exhibition, the virtual family day engages kids of all ages through age-specific art projects made from [materials](#) within reach. Led by teaching artists from across New Orleans, the day culminates at 2:30 p.m. with a drivable citywide Bmike mural scavenger hunt for everyone to enjoy together.

- At 10:30 a.m., Reagan Robinson from Young Audiences of Louisiana will guide the youngest art lovers (ages 5 and under) in an interactive video.
- Taking inspiration from Bmike's work, Tom Friel, the Newcomb Art Museum education coordinator, teaches youngsters how to make a mural on a box at 11 a.m. (recommended ages 4 to 6) and again at 11:15 a.m. (recommended ages 6 to 8).
- Starting at 11:30 a.m., Vanessa Centeno – who led a virtual [studio tour](#) with the museum earlier this year – shows kids how to tie-dye with acrylic paint (for ages 8 and up).
- At noon, Bmike Odums shares one of the skills he uses often in his own work – crosshatching.
- At 12:30 p.m. Jenna DeBoisblanc mixes art and science in her creative coding lesson (great for ages 8 – 12 with coding experience, otherwise recommended for ages 12+).
- Jordan Barnes teaches all ages how to use a cellphone for unique photography at 1 p.m.
- At 1:30 p.m. the guided art activities conclude with a lesson for all ages in creating 3D self-portraits, led by artist Journey Allen.

After the programming, the whole family is encouraged to hop in the car for an afternoon drive and enjoy a scavenger hunt across the city to see Bmike's many murals!

To take part in the family day, sign up for the museum's [e-newsletter](#), or check out its [Facebook](#) or [Vimeo](#) pages, where videos will be released starting at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21. To learn more email tfriel@tulane.edu or read more on the museum's [website](#).