

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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Tom Lee : The Museum's Remarkable Raconteur

One of the best-kept secrets about family programs at the Met is that performers appear in them to provide further context to the art. And no one has been more successful at this than Tom Lee, the Museum's Storyteller, whose usual stage is the floor of a gallery.



Many of his sources are monuments of literature, such as the epic of *Gilgamesh* for Ancient Near Eastern art, or the *Ramayana* for Indian art. Tom dramatizes the narrative with voice a gestures and provides dialogue for the characters. Tom says “a story often gives families a broader context in which to see a work of art – they pick up more details when they re-examine the work after listening to a story.” So keep coming to the family programs at the Met and you’ll be in for an extra surprise – Tom Lee.

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