



SHO AND TELL

on the sculpture
plaza



**an interactive guide
to SCULPTURE**

**FEATURING art elements
LINE & SHAPE**



MEADOWS MUSEUM

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Tips for Museum Fun

Less is more. Don't feel like you need to see everything today. Focus on a few pieces that you find interesting.

Look with your eyes. Do not touch the art, frames, or pedestal stands. Stay 3 feet away from objects.

Take a break. If you need a break, take a seat on a bench.

Play a game of I Spy, act out a scene from your favorite painting, or pose like a sculpture.



WELCOME TO OUR SCULPTURE TOUR

We're so glad you're here. This booklet is designed for use by families and school groups with children from grades K-5. Feel free to use this material as it suits you and your group. You can pick one activity, or do them all! Work at your own pace and have fun!

MEET YOUR TOUR GUIDE, SHO

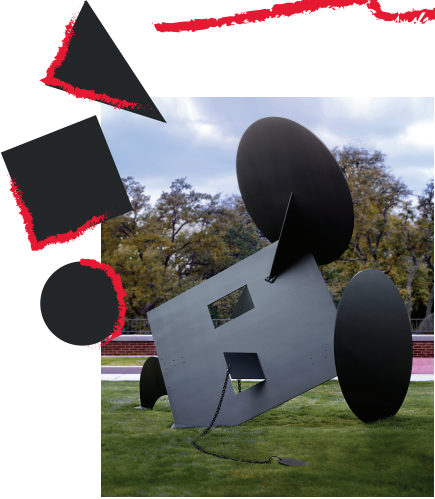


You probably noticed **Jaume Plensa's** monumental sculpture, ***Sho***, on your way into the museum today. In this booklet, you'll find sections called "Sho and Tell," that include helpful information or insights for further thinking.

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SHAPE



Let's go on a shape hunt!
How many of each of these
shapes can you find?



_____ Triangles



_____ Squares



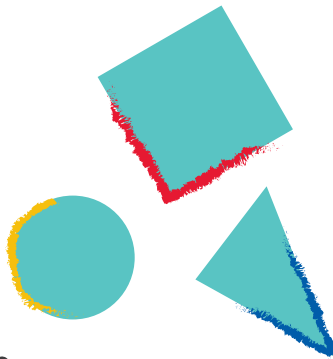
_____ Circles

PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON...
What could all those shapes
in the sculpture be?

- Talk to a buddy
- Take turns sharing with your group

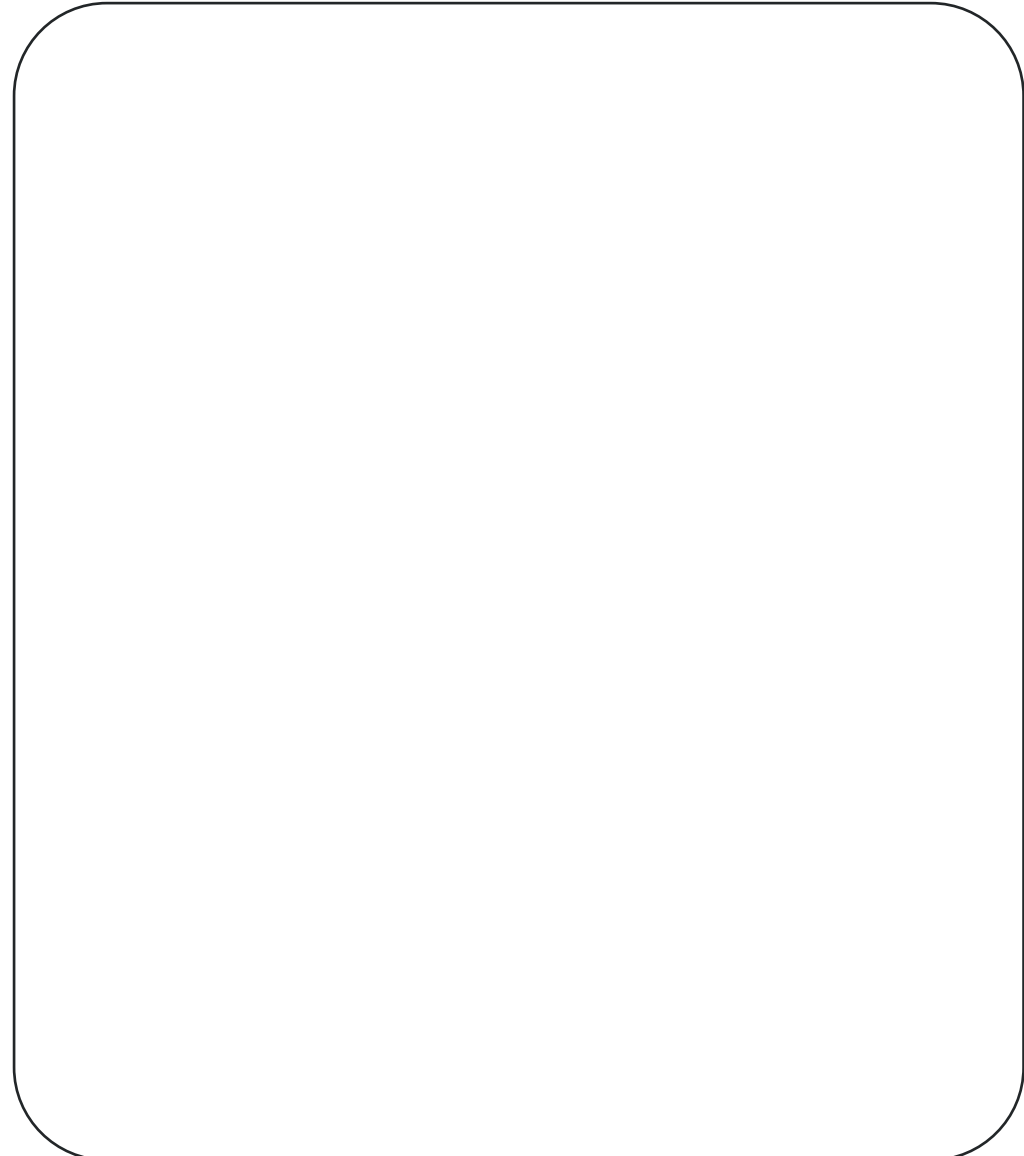
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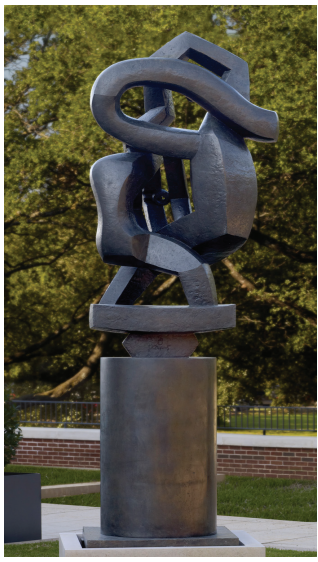
DID YOU KNOW?
THIS SCULPTURE IS CALLED
GEOMETRIC MOUSE!
Geometric means a shape has definite lines
and a name you can recognize, like **SQUARE**.



LET'S DRAW

It's time to use your imagination! What animal can you draw
using only geometric shapes like the ones you see above?





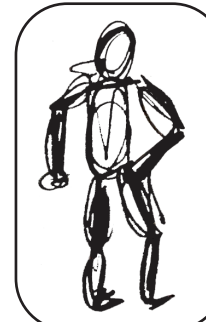
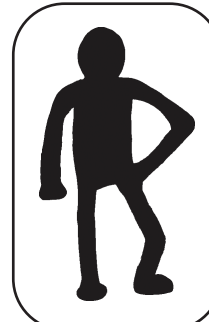
Shape Hunt

At the last sculpture, we looked for geometric shapes. Here, the shapes are different. Shapes without hard lines or specific names are called **ORGANIC SHAPES**.

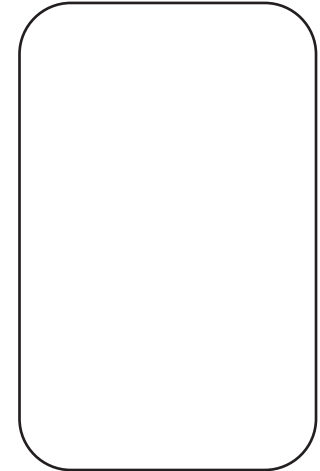
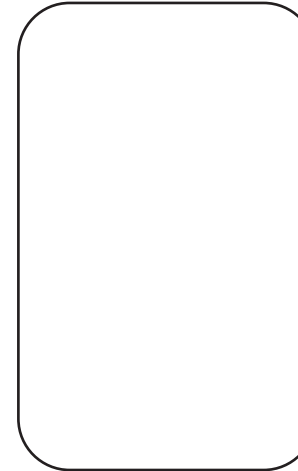
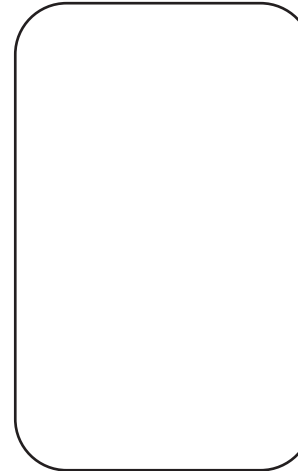




GESTURE DRAWING



Gesture drawing is a type of drawing that is quick and fun. Working with a buddy or two, have one buddy pose while you quickly sketch their pose. See if they can hold their pose for a whole 30 seconds while you draw! Then take turns until you have drawings of three different poses in the boxes.



Buddy Shapes

1. Working alone, can you mimic the shapes and poses you see in the sculpture with your body?
2. Now work with a buddy! What kinds of shapes can you make when you connect? Look at the buddies below if you need ideas.

NOW THINK: Where were all those shapes you just made? Were the shapes made by your arms and legs, or spaces between them? **Why not both!**



Shapes **ON** an object or person are called **POSITIVE SHAPES**.
Shapes **BETWEEN** objects or people are called **NEGATIVE SHAPES**.

LOOK back at the buddies above. Where do you see positive and negative shapes?

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The sculpture on the previous page is called **JOIE DE VIVRE**, which means joy for life. Did doing these activities make you jump for joy?



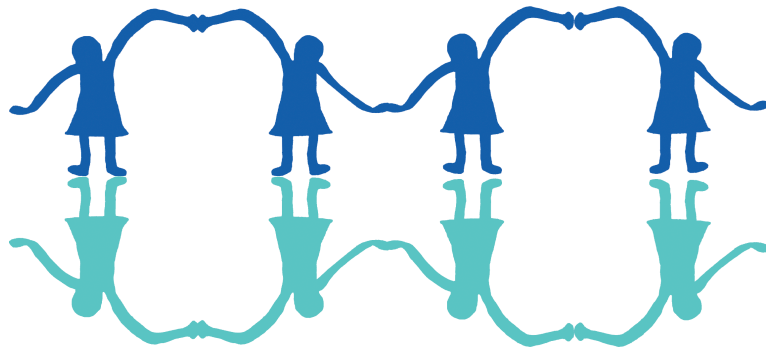
LINE



Take a look at the lines in this sculpture. What do you see? Spanish artist Santiago Calatrava designed this sculpture with moving lines. What does the movement make you think of?

Do the Wave

Let's have some fun! Have you ever seen people doing something called "the wave?" *Wave* is the name of this sculpture, but it's also something fun you can do with your family and friends. See if you can link hands and make it look like your arms are moving like a wave. Can you do it at the same time as the sculpture?



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Sometimes artists make things besides artwork. Do you recognize this bridge? It was designed by Santiago Calatrava for Dallas in 2012. What lines do you see on the bridge? Why do you think he used so many?

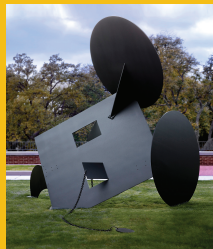


LET'S DRAW



We've seen how Calatrava uses lines as building blocks for his architectural sculptures. What could you design using line? Sketch some ideas in this box.

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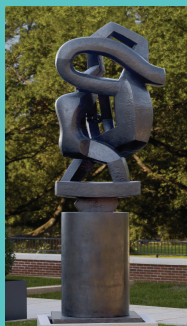
Geometric Mouse, Scale A

Claes Oldenburg, 1969-70
paint on Cor-ten steel and aluminium



Sho

Jaume Plensa, 2007
Painted stainless steel



La Joie de Vivre

Jacques Lipchitz, 1927
Bronze

Wave

Santiago Calatrava, 2002
Steel, bronze, nylon, and granite
reflecting pool



Family Programs @ The Meadows Museum

On first Saturdays, join the museum
and Highland Park Library for a new
creative experience and story time.

Connect & Create

Drop by the studio each month
for an art project inspired by
works on view in the galleries.

Open Studio

Enjoy afternoons of informal
drawing instruction with artist
and elementary art teacher Ian O'Brien.

Children's Drawing from the Masters

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