Art Chats


Joslyn Art Museum

Check out the artwork and the prompts, and start an artful discussion with the people you love. Great for all ages!

**About the Artist**: Angelica Kauffmann (1741–1807) excelled in music and art from a young age. When her family moved to Italy, she discovered the Neoclassical painting style in Florence, connected with the British community in Rome, and studied the Old Masters in Naples. The artist became known for depicting female sitters, and she often placed them in allegorical settings. Celebrated in her own time, Kauffmann continues to be recognized as one of the most successful women artists prior to the late-nineteenth century.

**PEOPLE WHO POSE**

**Look:**

Take turns “reading” this portrait with others. Name something you see:

“I see a ____. What do you see?”

Then each person should name the previous observation and add a new one:

“I see a ____ and a _____. What do you see?”

**Discuss:**

When you are finished “reading” the portrait, grab a book, fancy up your hair and clothes, and try posing like the sitter, Mary Tisdal.

Talk about all of the things you need and what role each will play for the recreation. Don’t worry if you can’t find a herd of sheep!