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## Review: NasherKids - Target First Saturdays - August 7th theme is DRAMA!

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NasherKids Meal Available at the Nasher Cafe Photo courtesy of: Heather Buen

The [Nasher Sculpture Center](#) located in the [arts district of downtown Dallas](#) has a lovely little program, the best in art events for kids, every first Saturday of the month called, "Target First Saturdays." On this day it's [FREE](#) admission all day with wonderful [family](#) fun from 10 am to 2 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to explore art and modern sculpture on their own terms and to appreciate the beauty of the modern sculpture located at the museum in a setting devoted to a child's need to explore their creativity.



The structure of this monthly event centers around a monthly theme or [BIG IDEA](#) giving you every reason to keep bringing your [children](#) back each time. The Saturday on March 6th the theme was [PREFERENCE](#) so that children can explore which piece of art they like the best. There are take home activities and a special passport where kids can collect stamps every month in order to receive special prizes.

For August there is a special theme of Drama.

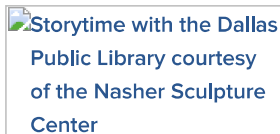
The schedule of activities for kids are as follows:

- Art Scavenger Hunt, 10 AM to 2 PM - on a recent visit, the scavenger hunt asks children to look at a few pictures of art on their

scavenger hunt sheet and then write the title of the artwork along with the name of the artist. There is a rating scale for children to indicate the artwork they liked the best. Once you've filled it out, you can turn it in for a special prize. The prize in March was a children's paint set.

- Art in Action Sculpture Demo, 10 AM to 12:30 PM
- Family Tours, hourly from 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM
- Children's Art Acitivity, 10 AM to 12 Noon
- Yoga - In the sculpture garden at 11:30 AM
- Storytime, 12:30 PM
- NasherKids *Live!*, 1:00 PM - At the March event, it was LunaSol Ballet Folklorico



 Storytime with the Dallas Public Library courtesy of the Nasher Sculpture Center

The event sponsor is Target. Kids of all ages will love this event. The current exhibit running at the Nasher Sculpture Center is **Rachel Whiteread Drawings. This even ends August 15th**

The Nasher Sculpture Center hosts the first museum retrospective of drawings by contemporary British artist Rachel Whiteread. Featuring over 150 drawings and collages selected from the artist's studio, as well as from leading public and private collections in Europe and the United States, the exhibition brings to the fore a rarely seen aspect of Whiteread's work.

Rachel Whiteread is one of Britain's leading contemporary sculptors. Born in London in 1963, she studied painting at Brighton Polytechnic and sculpture at the Slade School of Fine Art. She shot to public attention in 1993 with her sculpture, "House," a life-sized replica of the interior of a condemned terraced house in London's East End which provoked intense public debate until it was eventually demolished in 1994.

Photo to the right: RACHEL WHITEREAD

Ceiling, 1993

Ink and correction fluid on graph paper

15 x 11 inches (38 x 28 cm)



As you explore the gallery with your children, it's important to pace yourself. Kids can easily get exhausted with so many amazing things to look at in the current and permanent exhibits. Don't try to do it all in one visit, that's why it's available once a month. Luckily there are Nasherkids Meals available in the Nasher Cafe from 11 AM to 2 PM. Items such as Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches are always a hit.

Parking: Parking is available at the Dallas Museum of Art \$10 (Nasher Sculpture Center Members park for free at the DMA!)

Metered parking is available on Harwood, Olive, and Ross

Parking lots are located on Olive and Ross

You may also enjoy the following in the Arts District:

Crow Collection of Asian Art - FREE admission (right across the street from the Nasher Sculpture Center)

**Dallas Museum of Art** -- Admission applies

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