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Weekend in Moscow: English-Language Family Art Courses

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Have children of an artistic persuasion and looking for a way to spend the rainy weekends of autumn? "Following Contemporary Art," a family course for English native speakers, kicks off this Sunday at the Garage Museum of Contemporary Art.

Over ten sessions divided between theory and practice children and their parents can explore the history of contemporary art from the end of 19th century to the present day.

The courses will be taught by Tatiana Bortnik, an art historian and drawing teacher for preschoolers and elementary school children.

"This is not a course just for kids. Of course it's possible to for your child to complete the course alone but most the parents enjoy staying at the lesson for several reasons. You can experience the whole journey together, enjoy a new topic for discussion and be able to visit a

museum as a family on a more equal footing," said Bortnik.

Once art-lovers of all ages have got to grips with the theoretical part of things, they can put their knowledge into action by getting creative with a painting and drawing workshop.

"It's in no way a test of your child's painting skills, it's more a way of remembering the style of painting and learning — through experience — how hard it is to paint something abstract, but also expressive", said Bortnik.

"Following Contemporary Art. Family Course for English Native speakers" runs from Sept. 25 through Nov. 27, every Sunday afternoon from 2:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. at the Garage Museum of Contemporary Art. 9 Krymsky Val, Bldg. 32. Metro Oktyabrskaya, Park Kultury. garagemca.org/en

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