



Michele Oka Doner, *Strider*, 2008

## TOUCH

Head outside to explore UMMA's outdoor sculptures. These pieces of art are made of many materials and textures. You are welcome to touch. How many textures can you feel?

? "I spy with my little eye, something that is . . . bumpy!" or smooth, or cold, or sharp. Take turns and play I Spy as you walk around the grounds. See how many texture words you can find!

### WORD BANK

SMOOTH

BUMPY

FUZZY

RIPPLED

PRICKLY

GRITTY

SLICK

ICY

SLIMY

FRAGILE



### SELF-GUIDED GALLERY ACTIVITY

# THE 5 SENSES OF SUMMER



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A SENSORY JOURNEY  
THROUGH UMMA





An art museum is a great place to use all of your senses - try it out while you explore UMMA!



McArthur Binion, *Self:Portrait*, 2022

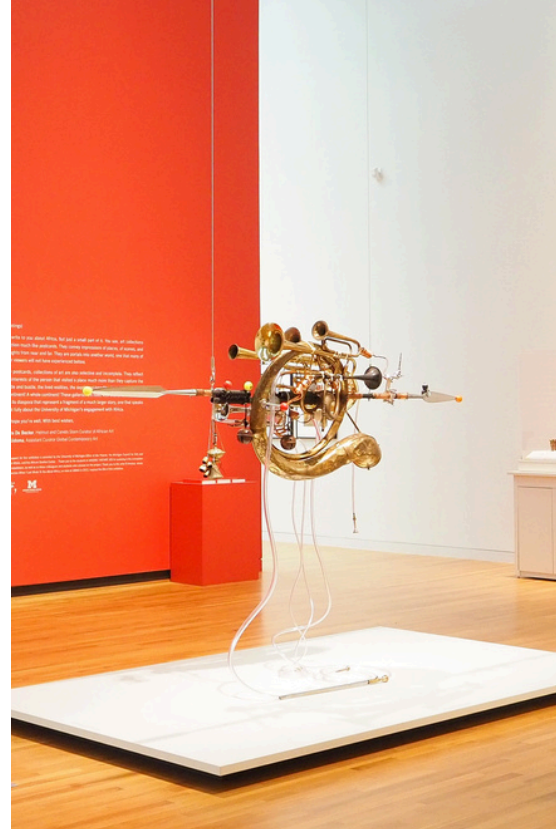
## LOOK

📍 **Joan and Robert Tisch Gallery of Modern & Contemporary Art**

What do you see when you first look at this painting? Colors, shapes, patterns, a quilt?

Then, take a few steps closer and look again. NOW what do you see? Binion, a living artist from Detroit, Michigan, used an elementary school picture and a picture of his childhood home to create this painting.

❓ **What pictures would you use to create this kind of self-portrait?**



Masimba Hwati, *Ngoromera*, 2020

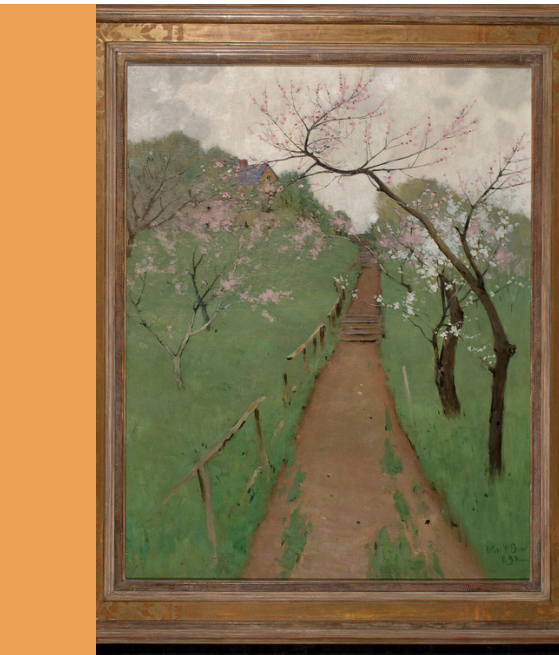
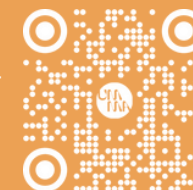
## LISTEN

📍 **The Robert and Lillian Montalto Bohlen Gallery**

The artist, Masimba Hwati, makes sculptures with objects he finds around him. And he's interested in sound. When he came up with this sculpture, he was living in Harare, Zimbabwe, during a political coup and would hear protest chants at night, people using their voices to fight for their ideas. The title of the sculpture, *Ngoromera*, means "to fight" in Shona, the language spoken in Zimbabwe.

❓ **Name ten things you see. Move around to the other side. Can you name ten more things?**

Scan to hear  
Masimba Hwati  
perform *Ngoromera*



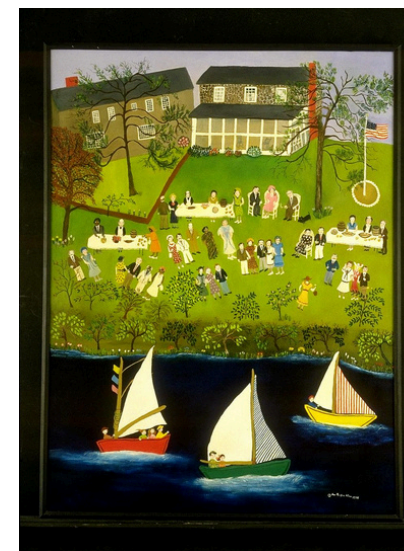
Arthur Wesley Dow, *Spring Landscape*, 1892

## SMELL

📍 **Thomas H. and Polly W. Bredt Gallery**

Some artists try to imitate nature in their art. Instead, the artist of this painting believed in highlighting nature's beauty by simplifying it. Dow also worked carefully to balance elements such as line, color, and notan, a Japanese term for the relationship between light and dark areas in an image.

❓ **What are some of the smells of spring? How would you describe the flowers, the grass, the air?**



Ann Murfee Allen, *The Famous Picnic at Val Kill*, 1975

## TASTE

📍 **Marvin H. Davidson Gallery**

This painting depicts a racially-integrated picnic at which President Franklin Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor welcomed the King and Queen of England to their estate in Hyde Park, New York. The choice of food, as well as the variety of races and cultures present, are meant to illustrate the uniqueness of American culture and the significance of the picnic. One of the first of its kind, this event was a presentation of many of the remarkable qualities of American culture.

❓ **What are some of your favorite picnic foods? What foods from your culture would you share at a picnic?**