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**JANUARY FREE FIRST SATURDAY FEATURES A PERFORMANCE BY
THE XTREME SPINNERS YO-YO CLUB AND ANIMATED FILMS**

Catenary Tales, the Walker Art Center's **Free First Saturday** program on Saturday, January 3, from 11 am-4 pm, promises family fun with no strings attached. Highlights include pioneering animated films by Lotte Reiniger and an exciting demonstration of extreme yo-yo spinning by the Twin Cities Xtreme Spinners Yo-Yo Club. Other events include an Art Lab activity offering participants a chance to create their own catenary painting and a family tour of the exhibition *Past Things and Present: Jasper Johns since 1983*. All activities are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about Free First Saturday programming, call 612.375.7587.

FREE FIRST SATURDAYS ARE FOR FAMILIES

Catenary Tales

Saturday, January 3, 11 am-4 pm, Free

Find out about ways that a hanging arc of string has influenced contemporary art!

The Big Screen: Three Tales by Lotte Reiniger

11 am and 1 pm

Pioneering filmmaker Lotte Reiniger made intricate images from cut paper to bring storytelling to the screen. Grab a seat for three enchanting animated films: *Puss in Boots (Der Graf Von Carabas)*; *The Frog Prince*; and *The Grasshopper and the Ant*.

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Onstage: The Twin Cities Xtreme Spinners Yo-Yo Club

12 noon and 2 pm

Join coach Mary McCabe and the X-Team—Mike McCabe, Alex Berenguel, Brian Krause, and John Narum—for a thrilling demonstration of yo-yo spins and tricks. Workshops with the performers follow each show. Get in on the action!

Art-Making for the Entire Family: World on a String

12 noon-4 pm, Art Lab

Create an arc for a catenary painting of your own using string, pastels, and collage.

Gallery Tour for Families: Hear All About It

2 pm, Galleries 4 and 5

Behold the curving line in the exhibition *Past Things and Present: Jasper Johns since 1983*.

Free First Saturdays are made possible by Coldwell Banker Burnet. Saturday Family Programming is made possible by Target Stores.

Artwork of the Month

The January Artwork of the Month is *Untitled* by Jasper Johns on view in Gallery 4. Pick up a free family activity guide when you visit the museum.

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**The Walker Art Center is located at 725 Vineland Place,
at Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, one block off Highway I-94.
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