Goodnight, Hush
Classic Children’s Book Illustrations
The Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins University is pleased to present *Goodnight, Hush: Classic Children’s Book Illustrations*, a two-part exhibition spanning the summers of 2011 and 2012.

Beginning in June 2011, original illustrations by artist Clement Hurd (1908–1988), world-renowned illustrator of many children’s books, including *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny* (both written by Hollins alumna and perennial favorite Margaret Wise Brown and published by HarperCollins), are paired with the work of contemporary children’s book artists Thacher Hurd, Ashley Wolff and Ruth Sanderson.

Thacher Hurd is the son of Clement Hurd and is a children’s book author and illustrator of over 25 books including *Zoom City*, which was chosen as a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book. Ashley Wolff is well known for her illustrations for *Baby Beluga* and the *Miss Bindergarten* series. She illustrated *Little Donkey, Close Your Eyes*, which was also written by Margaret Wise Brown. Ruth Sanderson is the illustrator of *The Enchanted Wood* and *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*, in addition to several titles in the *Golden Books* series. While on campus, these artists will be involved in a variety of programs including workshops and lectures.
The second part of *Goodnight, Hush* and its related events will be on view in the summer of 2012 and will be included in the statewide initiative Virginians for the Arts 2012 MINDS WIDE OPEN theme of “Virginia Celebrates Children and the Arts.” The exhibition will feature original artwork exclusively from *Goodnight Moon*. Margaret Wise Brown (1910–1952) was one of the first authors to write specifically for children aged two to five, and created some of the most enduring and well-loved children’s books of all time, in addition to developing the concept of the first durable board book.

The continuing celebration is the first of its kind to be offered in the mid-Atlantic region. With references to both the visual arts and literature, the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins University will help children and parents explore how the arts on all levels shape families, generations, and communities.

Funding for this exhibition, programming, and publications has been generously provided in part by Roanoke County and Wachovia, a Wells Fargo Company. Selected programs are organized in partnership with Hollins University’s Graduate Programs in Children’s Literature and Hollins University’s Margaret Wise Brown Festival.
Beginning with this exhibition, Hollins University kicks off a yearlong celebration of the life and works of alumna Margaret Wise Brown ’32, author of hundreds of children’s books and stories, including the classics *The Runaway Bunny* (1942) and *Goodnight Moon* (1947). Over the past 60 years, *Goodnight Moon* has become the quintessential bedtime story, selling more than 11 million copies worldwide.

The festival will include a musical stage production of *Goodnight Moon*; a performance of *The Runaway Bunny*; a presentation of *Goodnight Moon*, a lullaby for orchestra and voice; an exhibition of the original artwork of *Goodnight Moon*; as well as workshops, story hours and lectures. For a full schedule and more about the author and her connections to Hollins, visit the website: www.hollins.edu/mwbf.

**IMAGE CREDITS:**


Events and Programs

Goodnight, Hush
Opening reception
Thursday, June 23, 6:00 pm
Eleanor D. Wilson Museum

Please join us for the opening reception of Goodnight, Hush as we welcome Thacher Hurd, Ashley Wolff, and Ruth Sanderson to the museum.

Children’s Activities
Ongoing
Education and Resource Room
Eleanor D. Wilson Museum

For the duration of Goodnight, Hush, families are encouraged to participate in a variety of art and reading activities.

Story Hour with Thacher Hurd
Saturday, June 25, 10:00 am
Wyndham Robertson Library,
Hollins University

Author/artist Thacher Hurd will read Goodnight Moon, The Runaway Bunny, and Art Dog. This celebrity reading will be the first of many in Hollins University’s yearlong celebration of Margaret Wise Brown.

From Goodnight Moon to Art Dog
Lecture by Thacher Hurd
Saturday, June 25, 1:00 pm
Frances J. Niederer Auditorium
Visual Arts Center

Thacher Hurd will present a lecture exploring the legacies of Margaret Wise Brown and Clement Hurd with specific reference to their influence on his own work. A reception at the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum will follow.

Children’s Painting Workshop
Saturday, July 9, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Eleanor D. Wilson Museum

Ashley Wolff, illustrator and Hollins Children’s Literature faculty member, will lead a painting workshop for children ages 7-10. Admission is free and supplies are included; however, reservations are required.

From Golden Books to The Golden Wood:
An Illustrator’s Odyssey
Lecture by Ruth Sanderson
Wednesday, July 20, 6:00 pm
Frances J. Niederer Auditorium
Visual Arts Center

Illustrator and Hollins Children’s Literature faculty member Ruth Sanderson will discuss her artistic career. A reception at the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum will immediately follow.

All events are free and open to the public, but some may require reservations. Please contact Laura Jane Ramsburg at 540/362-6081 or LRamsburg@hollins.edu.