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HOLIDAYS AT THE MORSE: TIFFANY WINDOWS IN THE PARK, HOLIDAY WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE, LIVE MUSIC ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

Note to editors: Attached is a high-resolution image of the leaded-glass window Madonna and Child, c. 1890, from Tiffany Glass Company.

WINTER PARK—The holiday season at the Morse Museum begins on the day after Thanksgiving when the Harpist Bizarre Quartet helps the Museum launch a festive schedule of free events on Friday nights, including live music, tours, and an art demonstration.

For six consecutive Friday evenings during the holidays (**November 23 through December 28**), visitors can enjoy not only free admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. but live music from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. In addition, at 7 p.m. on most of these evenings, the Morse will offer curator tours of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall*, the major exhibition in the Museum's new wing. The December 14 programming also includes a family tour of selected galleries and a demonstration on the art of making stained-glass windows with a free take-home art activity for children.

Always a highlight of the Museum's holiday season, Christmas in the Park will be presented for the 34th year on December 6 in downtown Winter Park. That evening the Morse lights up nine Tiffany windows in Central Park and sponsors the Bach Festival Choir, Youth Choir, and Brass Ensemble in a free outdoor concert.



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Admission to the Museum also will be free for a Holiday Weekend Open House, December 22 and 23. The complete schedule of Morse holiday events, programs, and tours is as follows:

- November 23:** Harpist Bizarre Quartet (bass, flute, guitar, and harp), 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
- November 30:** Pianist Lynn Peghiny, 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
Curator Tour of the new Tiffany wing, 7 p.m.
- December 6:** 34th Annual Christmas in the Park, Central Park, 6:15 p.m.–8 p.m.
- December 7:** Classical guitarist Joshua Englert, 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
Curator Tour of the new Tiffany wing, 7 p.m.
- December 14:** Harpist Victoria Lynn Schultz, 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
Family Tour of selected galleries, 5:15 p.m.
Art Demonstration with stained-glass artist Melody Spence, 6 p.m.
Curator Tour of the new Tiffany wing, 7 p.m.
- December 21:** Beautiful Music Three Flutes Only, 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
Curator Tour of the new Tiffany wing, 7 p.m.
- December 22–23:** Holiday Weekend Open House, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday,
1 p.m.–4 p.m. Sunday
Raintree Chamber Players, 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Sunday
- December 28:** Beautiful Music Sweet Sounds Jazz Trio (flute, guitar, and upright bass),
5 p.m.–8 p.m.
Curator Tour of the new Tiffany wing, 7 p.m.

The Morse Museum houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, including jewelry, pottery, paintings, leaded-glass lamps and windows and the chapel interior he designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Tiffany Studios' *Christmas Eve* window, c. 1902, will be on view in the Museum throughout the holidays. The window—in which a figure resembling Father Christmas holds the Christ child—was designed by Thomas Nast Jr., son of the famous political cartoonist, for his sister's home in New Rochelle, New York.



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Museum hours from November through April are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 seniors, \$1 for students, and free for children under 12. All visitors receive free admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, consult the Museum's Web site, www.morsemuseum.org.

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