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**CITY OF WINTER PARK AND MORSE MUSEUM PRESENT
36th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK ON DEC. 4**

Note to editors: Attached is a high-resolution image of the Eliza M. Morgan memorial window, which was made before 1897 by Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company and is one of nine Tiffany leaded-glass windows installed at Christmas in the Park. For more images, please e-mail pubaffairs@morsemuseum.org.

WINTER PARK, FL—On Thursday, Dec. 4, the City of Winter Park and the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art present the 36th Annual Christmas in the Park in downtown Winter Park.

The free outdoor event begins at 6:15 p.m. when the lights are turned up on nine century-old Tiffany leaded-glass windows and Central Park is transformed into a luminous concert hall for the esteemed 160-voice Bach Festival Society Choir.

Hugh and Jeannette McKean, who together built the Morse Museum's collection, began Christmas in the Park in 1979 to share a part of their rare Tiffany collection with the public in an informal setting. This year, for the first time, the Morse and the City of Winter Park are co-sponsoring the event.

For the 36th year of the event, which today draws more than 3,000 people, the Morse will as before install the windows and present the Bach Festival Society Choir, Youth Choir,

and Brass Ensemble in concert. The City will oversee logistical and operational arrangements for park use, security, crowd management, traffic control, and road closures.

Eight of the windows featured at Christmas in the Park are memorials with religious themes designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany's firm for installation in the chapel at the Association for the Relief of Respectable, Aged, Indigent Females (1814–1974) in New York City. Tiffany Studios' *Christmas Eve* window, c. 1902, will also be on view at the event and in the Morse Museum following Christmas in the Park. 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.

The Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park, Fla., is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933). The Morse is owned and operated by the Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation and receives additional support from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation. It receives no public funds. For more information, please visit www.morsemuseum.org.

For information regarding other events in the City of Winter Park, please visit the city's official website at cityofwinterpark.org.

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