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The Morse Museum Ushers in Spring with an Exhibition on American Portraiture and Free Music in the Galleries

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WINTER PARK, FL—A new exhibition of American portraiture and a series of free Friday nights with live music and more signal the arrival of spring at The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art.

Opening on **March 3**, *Portraits of Americans from the Morse Collection* will feature portraits from the Morse Museum's American paintings collection that disclose a subtler, but no less distinguished, quality of the Museum's repository of American art from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The exhibition is part of several celebratory events this spring, including two weekend open houses with free admission and special programming during the Museum's free Friday nights. Through free admission, the Museum invites the community to experience its renowned, everblooming garden of glass by American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Various musicians will play from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on selected Friday nights **March 6 through April 24**. Admission is free from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays through April.

The open houses will be held during the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival **March 20 through 22** and Easter Weekend **April 10 through 12**, and live music, tours, and more will be presented on seven spring Friday evenings in March and April.

In addition to the music on those Friday nights, the Morse will offer tours of the multi-gallery exhibition *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall* at 7 p.m. The **April 17** programming includes a family tour of selected galleries and an art talk on the fundamentals of art conservation. Participants receive a free take-home art activity.

The complete listing of the Morse's spring events is as follows:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Exhibition Opening. 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. *Portraits of Americans from the Morse Collection.* The purpose of portraiture in America shifted in the latter half of the 19th century and early part of the 20th century. Portraitists sought to express their subject's individual character rather than simply replicating their physical appearance. In this exhibition, works by John Singer Sargent (1856–1925), Charles Hawthorne (1872–1930), Cecilia Beaux (1855–1942), and several others are on display from the Morse Museum's American painting collection.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Live Music. 5–8 p.m. "48" Strings (harp and violin).
Tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall.* 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Live Music. 5–8 p.m. Orlando Violin Music (cello, viola, and violin).
Tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall.* 7 p.m.

MARCH 20–22

Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival Open House. 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday; and 1–4 p.m. Sunday. Free children's workshop in Central Park Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Live Music. 5–8 p.m. Victoria Lynn Schultz Harp Trio (Celtic harp, flute, violin).
Tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall.* 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Live Music. 5–8 p.m. Beautiful Music Chamber Quartet (cello, flute, viola, and violin).
Tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall.* 7 p.m.

APRIL 10–12

Easter Weekend Open House. 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m. with live music by Joshua Englert (classical guitar), 5–8 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday; and 1–4 p.m. Sunday.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Live Music. 5–8 p.m. Beautiful Music Quintessential Woodwind Quintet (cello, clarinet, flute, horn, and oboe).
Family Tour of Selected Galleries. 5:15 p.m.
Art Talk. 6 p.m. Fundamentals of conservation with Orlando art conservator Diana Galante.
Tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall.* 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Live Music. 5–8 p.m. Beautiful Music Paint It Black Orchestra (bass, cello, flute, and violins).
Tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall.* 7 p.m.

The Morse Museum is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany. New exhibitions include *Stories from the Archives—Louis Comfort Tiffany and His Studios* and *Rare and Remarkable—Art Pottery of Louis Comfort Tiffany*. November through April, Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday; 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, and free for children younger than 12. Admission is free from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays, November through April.

The Museum, located at 445 N. Park Avenue, 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.

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