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From September 17–22 the Morse Museum Is Cool, Free, and Full of Tiffany

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WINTER PARK, FL—The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will provide free admission during the last week of summer from Tuesday, September 17 through Sunday, September 22. All visitors to the Museum will be welcomed free-of-charge to the Museum Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

With summer's official conclusion and its concurrence with a national celebration of museums, the Morse Museum welcomes the public to come cool off with a stroll through galleries full of Tiffany masterworks for free during the summer's final days.

The Morse invites all looking for art, or relief from the heat, to celebrate the transition of the seasons.

In many of the Museum's works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, the prolific American designer depicted seasonal change in the decorative arts. With his inspections and studies of nature, Tiffany often focused on these natural cycles thematically in glass as well as enamels and precious jewels. Tiffany's Four Seasons window, c. 1899–1900, is separated into four sections. Each leaded-glass panel respectively explores the rich colors and tones of summer, autumn, winter, and spring and encourages the viewer to recognize and reflect on each period's beauty. After the window was displayed at the 1900 Exposition Universelle in Paris and at the 1902 Turin world's fair, Tiffany had the panels from the window installed in the living room of his Long Island estate, Laurelton Hall. The panels are on view in the Morse's permanent exhibition

displaying surviving artworks and elements of Tiffany's famed estate.

The Morse Museum is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American designer and artist Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933), including the chapel interior he designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and art and architectural objects from Tiffany's celebrated Long Island home, Laurelton Hall. The Museum's holdings also include American art pottery, late 19th- and early 20th-century American paintings, graphics, and decorative art.

Located at 445 N. Park Avenue, the Museum 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. Public hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday. From November through April, the galleries are open until 8 p.m. on Fridays. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, free for children under 12, and from November through April, free for all visitors after 4 p.m. on Fridays. For more information about the Morse, please visit morsemuseum.org.

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