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February at the Morse: 75th Anniversary Events Include Free Admission, a Cellphone Audio Tour Debut, New Art Nouveau Installation, and More

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The Morse Museum's 75th anniversary celebration in February includes free general admission to the galleries throughout the month, the opening of a new installation of Art Nouveau objects, the debut of a cellphone audio tour of Museum highlights, a free champagne reception open to the public, and more. The following is a complete list of events with more details:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

75th Anniversary Open House. To commemorate the Morse Museum's 75th anniversary, general admission to the galleries is free during regular public hours.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Museum Highlights Cellphone Audio Tour. Debut of new audio tour, accessible through personal cell phones, providing information and history on about 40 objects in the Morse's collection.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Friday Brown Bag Matinee. Noon. *Great Museums: Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum—Collective Vision* (26 minutes) and *The Art of the Heist: The World's Biggest Heist* (56 minutes). Jeannette G. and Hugh F. McKean Pavilion, 161 West Canton Avenue (just behind the Museum). Free.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Friday Brown Bag Matinee. Noon. *The Barnes Collection* (55 minutes). Jeannette G. and Hugh F. McKean Pavilion, 161 West Canton Avenue (just behind the Museum). Free.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Art Nouveau in Europe and America from the Morse Collection. A new installation of two dozen works that represent the bold international decorative arts style known as Art Nouveau (1890–

1910). The exhibition, drawn from the Morse collection, will feature furniture, jewelry, ceramics, and art glass from artists and designers working in Europe and America.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Friday Brown Bag Matinee. Noon. *Peggy Guggenheim: An Art Addict* (43 minutes). Jeannette G. and Hugh F. McKean Pavilion, 161 West Canton Avenue (just behind the Museum). Free.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

75th Anniversary Reception. 5–7:30 p.m. Free reception open to the public with champagne and live music on the date the Museum opened its doors in 1942. Reservations accepted through www.morsemuseum.org.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Wednesday Lecture Series. 2:30 p.m. “The Other Tiffany Girl: Agnes Northrop, Designer of Windows,” Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen, The Anthony W. and Lulu C. Wang Curator of American Decorative Arts, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. Jeannette G. and Hugh F. McKean Pavilion, 161 West Canton Avenue (just behind the Museum). Free.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Friday Brown Bag Matinee. Noon. Continuation of *Peggy Guggenheim: An Art Addict* (53 minutes). Jeannette G. and Hugh F. McKean Pavilion, 161 West Canton Avenue (just behind the Museum). Free.

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 11 A.M. AND 2:30 P.M.

Curator Tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany’s Laurelton Hall.* Learn more about Louis Comfort Tiffany’s Long Island estate with Curator Donna Climenhage. Space limited. No advance reservations. Free with admission.

WEDNESDAYS, 11 A.M. AND 2:30 P.M.

Gallery Talk on *Revival and Reform—Eclecticism in the 19th-Century Environment.* Learn more about the rich diversity of styles, especially in leaded-glass windows, that made up the visual environment of the late 19th century in Europe and America. Space limited. No advance reservations. Free with admission.

FRIDAYS, 11 A.M.

Gallery Talk on *Celebrating 75 years—Pathways of American Art at the Morse Museum.* Learn about the more than 60 objects in the exhibition, which include paintings, pottery, art glass, and works on paper. Together the works reflect the range of the Morse’s collection and the values of the Museum. Free with admission.

The Morse Museum, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this season, is home to the world’s most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany. It is located at 445 N. Park Avenue in downtown Winter Park. Through April, the Museum’s hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday; 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, and free for children

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