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Morse Museum of American Art Will be Free to the Public on Independence Day

Note to Editors: *Attached is a high-resolution image of from the chapel Louis Comfort Tiffany created for the World's Columbian Exposition, which opened to the public on May 1, 1893, in Chicago and attracted millions of visitors over the course of that summer. The chapel was reassembled at the Morse Museum in 1999.*

WINTER PARK, Fla.— The Morse Museum of American Art will provide free admission on July 4th, continuing its annual public celebration of American art on Independence Day.

The museum will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 4, in conjunction with Winter Park's "Olde Fashioned July 4th Celebration" in Central Park. The city celebration, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., includes live patriotic music, a hot dog eating contest, horse-drawn wagon rides, face painting and more.

The museum began its Independence Day open house tradition in 1995 when the Morse opened its galleries on Park Avenue and the city inaugurated its festive event in Central Park. Hundreds of Central Florida residents today enjoy the rich collection of American art at the Morse as part of their holiday outing in downtown Winter Park.

In addition to selected works by American artist Louis Comfort Tiffany, special exhibitions now on view include *Virtues of Simplicity—American Arts and Crafts from the Morse Collection*, an exhibition of more than 50 objects by some of the movements most notable names, including Frank Lloyd Wright, Gustav Stickley, the Roycrofters and more; and *A Brilliant Setting—American Cut and Pressed Glass Tableware 1876–1917*, a vignette showcasing more than five dozen examples of Gilded Age glassware.

The Morse 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. For more information call (407) 645-5311 or visit the museum's Web site at www.morsemuseum.org.

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