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MORSE MUSEUM
of American Art

New Lighting System Installed in Tiffany Chapel

WINTER PARK, Fla. (April 19, 2000) – The Morse Museum has installed a state-of-the-art lighting control system for the Louis Comfort Tiffany Chapel that is designed to enhance viewing of the glass and mosaic masterpiece.

The computerized lighting system cycles through four 2- to-3 minute settings. Each setting produces a different pattern and intensity of light from the more than 50 fixtures that make up the system. One shows the Chapel at its most mystical, allowing the visitor to experience it much as Tiffany and 1.4 million visitors did at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

The brightest setting allows visitors to observe fully the stunning detail of mosaic and ornament that established Tiffany's reputation internationally. Each setting is a new visual interpretation of the space, animating the Chapel's vaulted interior in a rich interplay of light and glass.

The Morse installed the Chapel a year ago after more than 2 years of conservation work, providing the public access for the first time in a hundred years.

Visiting hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed Monday.

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