



THE CHARLES HOSMER
MORSE MUSEUM
of American Art

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**The Morse Provides Free Admission to Federal Employees
Impacted by the Government Shutdown**

WINTER PARK, FL—Beginning Friday, January 18, The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will provide free admission to all federal employees, thousands of whom have not received a paycheck since the government shut down on December 22.

The Morse was founded in 1942 with the guiding principles that art improves lives and that everyone should have access to art. Hugh and Jeannette McKean, who built the Museum's collection and provided funds for the Museum's support in perpetuity, believed that art is always a quieting, renewing respite from the worries of the world.

Free admission will be available to federal employees until further notice. A valid ID is required.

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 painting, 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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