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Celebrate July 4th with Free Admission to the Morse Museum

Note to editors: Attached is a high-resolution image of Edward Lamson Henry's 1864 oil painting, 9:45 A.M. Accommodation, which is newly displayed in the Morse Museum's updated gallery of American paintings.

WINTER PARK, Fla. —The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will offer free admission on July 4th, continuing its tradition of celebrating American art on Independence Day.

On Wednesday, July 4, the museum will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with Winter Park's "Olde Fashioned 4th of July Celebration" in Central Park. The city celebration, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., includes a bicycle parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, live patriotic music by the Bach Festival Choir and more.

The museum's comprehensive collection of works by American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany includes art and architectural objects from his celebrated Long Island home, Laurelton Hall, all now showcased in a new wing.

Also on view is a new installation of more than 30 never-before-exhibited watercolor studies by American artist and glass designer Otto Heinigke and an updated selection of more than 20 late 19th-century American paintings from the museum's permanent collection. These include works by James Henry Beard, Edward Lamson Henry, John Singer Sargent, Childe Hassam and Cecilia Beaux.

The Morse began its Independence Day open house tradition in 1995 when it 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.

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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