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HOLIDAYS AT THE MORSE: TIFFANY WINDOWS IN THE PARK, CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN HOUSE, LIVE MUSIC ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

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WINTER PARK—The holiday season at the Morse Museum begins just after Thanksgiving when Harpist Bizarre Quartet helps the Museum launch a festive schedule of free events on Friday nights, including live music, tours, and an art demonstration.

For six consecutive Friday evenings during the holidays (**November 25** through **December 30**), visitors can enjoy not only free admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. but live music from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. In addition, at 7 p.m. on **December 2, 9, and 16**, the Morse will offer curator tours of the exhibition *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall*. The **December 9** programming also includes a family tour of selected galleries and a demonstration on the art of making pottery with a free take-home art activity for participants.

On Thursday, **December 1**, the Morse and the City of Winter Park will present the 38th annual Christmas in the Park in downtown Winter Park. At this free event, always a highlight of the holiday season in Winter Park, the Morse lights up nine Tiffany windows in Central Park and sponsors the Bach Festival Choir, Youth Choir, and Brass Ensemble in an outdoor concert.

Admission to the Museum also will be free for a Christmas Eve open house, Saturday, **December 24**. The complete schedule of Morse holiday events, programs, and tours is as follows:

- November 25:** Harpist Bizarre Quartet (bass, flute, guitar, and harp), 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
- December 1:** 38th Annual Christmas in the Park, Downtown Winter Park, 6:15 p.m.–8 p.m.
- December 2:** Victorian Lynn Schultz (harp), 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
Curator tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall*, 7 p.m.
- December 9:** Beautiful Music Vintage Jazz Quartet (bass, flute, guitar, and trumpet), 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
Family tour of selected galleries, 5:15 p.m.
Pottery-making demonstration with artist Cindy McDowell, 6 p.m.
Curator tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall*, 7 p.m.
- December 16:** Beautiful Music Italian Trio (bass, flute, and guitar or mandolin), 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
Curator tour of *Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall*, 7 p.m.
- December 23:** Beautiful Music Three Flutes Only, 5 p.m.–8 p.m.
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Open House, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Live music by the Raintree Chamber Players, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.
- December 30:** Beautiful Music Jazz Trio (flute, guitar, and upright bass), 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

The Morse Museum, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this season, houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, including the chapel interior he designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and art and architectural elements from his Long Island estate, Laurelton Hall.

In the Museum's galleries, visitors will also find exhibits of American art pottery; Arts and Crafts furnishings; late 19th- and early 20th-century American paintings; and leaded-glass windows and lamps by other artists of the period. In its new exhibition *Celebrating 75 Years—Pathways of American Art at the Morse Museum*, the Museum presents a range of objects that illustrate the breadth and depth of the collection assembled by Hugh and Jeannette McKean over five decades.

Museum hours from November through April are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 seniors, \$1 for students, and free for children under 12. All visitors receive free

admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, consult the Museum's website, www.morsemuseum.org.

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