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## **Celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> with Free Admission to the Morse Museum**

**Note to Editors:** *Attached is a high-resolution image of the 1798 cream jug by American silversmith and patriot Paul Revere that will be on view at the Morse Museum during the Independence Day Weekend Open House.*

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 Monday, July 4, the museum will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with Winter Park's "Olde Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

This year, visitors to the Morse will be able to tour the museum's new Tiffany wing, which features art and architectural objects from Laurelton Hall, the celebrated Long Island home of American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany. Exhibition highlights include the recently restored Daffodil Terrace, prize-winning leaded-glass windows, iconic Tiffany lamps, custom furnishings, as well as art glass and pottery in Tiffany's personal collection.

Just for the Fourth of July holiday the Museum will also have a 1798 cream jug by American patriot and Boston silversmith Paul Revere on display in the museum's gallery of American paintings. The museum's collection of American art also includes art pottery, furniture and metalwork from the Arts and Crafts movement, and paintings by such late 19th- and early 20th- century artists as Robert Henri and John Singer Sargent.

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](http://www.morsemuseum.org).

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