

MORSE MUSEUM of American Art

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Explore the World of Museum Collecting during Free Summer Family Programs at the Morse

WINTER PARK, Fla.—This summer, families are invited to learn more about how museums, individuals, and artists build their collections in two free programs at the Morse Museum designed especially for children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents or guardians.

The Morse collections were built over a half-century by founder Jeannette Genius McKean (1909–89) and her husband, Hugh F. McKean (1908–95), the Museum's director until his death. The Museum is now home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany and continues to acquire objects that help provide context for decorative art in the late-19th and early-20th centuries. In 2014, for example, the museum received an important gift of 86 objects from the Art Nouveau collection of Harry C. Sigman, an eminent Los Angeles attorney. Selections from that gift are on view through the summer.

The museum's summer offerings for families include a family-friendly gallery tour on Tuesdays and a film and an art activity on Fridays. Registration begins May 1. Space in these free family programs is limited, and *reservations are required*. Details are as follows:

- <u>Family tours</u>—A 40-minute guided tour through several galleries on five Tuesdays: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, and 28. The program includes a takehome art activity.
- <u>Friday Family Films</u>—A short film, gallery tour, and art activity on five Fridays: July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. This program lasts about 90 minutes.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A \$5 refundable deposit per person is requested when securing a reservation for either program. Call (407) 645-5311, extension 136, to make a reservation or request more information.

The museum's summer hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$1 for students, and children younger than age 12 receive free admission and are welcome any day of the week with their parents or guardians. 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.

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