

THE CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM of American Art

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Sunday Hours and Free Appointments Mean More Chances to Visit the Morse this Holiday

Note to editors: Attached is a high-resolution image of the leaded-glass window Madonna and Child, c. 1890, from Tiffany Glass Company. Additional images are available by emailing <u>pubaffairs@morsemuseum.org</u>.

WINTER PARK, FL—For the holiday season, the Morse Museum will offer Sunday hours, free appointments on Fridays, family content uploaded to its "Create and Explore" webpage, and a three-day holiday celebration. At present, Museum and Museum Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The Morse currently remains closed on Sundays. Sunday hours begin November 29 and run through December 27, offering more times to visit the Museum during the holidays. The Museum and Museum Shop are open from 1 to 4 p.m. during these Sundays. Advance appointments are required to visit the Museum in all cases, and COVID-19 safety measures are in place.

For four consecutive Fridays during the holidays (**November 27** through **December 18**), appointments to visit the Museum will be free. Appointments must be made in advance and are available, space permitting, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. These special appointments may be reserved at no charge under the "Holidays at the Morse" ticket category on https://admissions.morsemuseum.org/mainstore.

Online on the Museum's "Create and Explore" page, new family content will be launched on **Wednesday, November 25**. The online activities will center around the 19th-century craze in the West for all things Japanese.

From **Tuesday**, **December 22** through **Thursday**, **December 24**, appointments to visit the Museum will be free. From noon to 3 p.m., live music in the galleries will enhance the visitor experience during this special three-day holiday celebration. Appointment times are available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on all three days, and space is limited. Reserving space during this free event may be done under the "Holidays at the Morse" ticket category on https://admissions.morsemuseum.org/mainstore.

Please note that on-site lectures, art demonstrations, Museum tours, social events, and other in-person programs are canceled or postponed until further notice. For all those who would like to continue to visit the Museum virtually from home, the Morse offers many opportunities. The Morse Museum's website includes online activities, videos, and an audio tour. The Museum actively posts images and information about featured works of art on its Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Twitter pages.

The Morse Museum houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933). These works include the chapel interior he designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago as well as surviving art and architectural elements from Laurelton Hall, his grand Long Island estate.

Exhibits currently on view include *Rare and Remarkable—Art Pottery of Louis Comfort Tiffany*, completely drawn from the Morse Museum's collection of Louis Comfort Tiffany's pottery, the largest public collection in the world. Telling a deeper story of ceramics in America during the early 1900s, the Tiffany pottery show is augmented by the Museum's major exhibition *Earth into Art—The Flowering of American Art Pottery*, which provides the context of the turn-of-the-century American art pottery craze. The Morse Museum is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. All visits are by appointment only. Appointments may be made online by visiting the Museum's "Plan Your Visit" page or by calling (407) 644-1429. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, and free for children under 12. More information may be found on the Museum's website, <u>morsemuseum.org</u>.

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