

THE CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM of American Art

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Morse Museum Moves Summer Family Programs Online

WINTER PARK, FL—The Morse Museum's summer family programs have been moved online this year. The Morse has redesigned its summer offerings for families—targeted to children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents or guardians—so that they are digitally accessible, free, and open to everyone. Programs will be available starting **July 8** on the Morse's new "Create and Explore" webpage at <u>morsemuseum.org/create-explore</u>.

This year's two video programs focus on American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933) and the diversity of his work. In one program, a virtual scavenger hunt through the Museum's Collection Highlights will provide a way to discover and learn about objects that were displayed by Tiffany and his studios at various world's fairs between 1893 and 1915. The other program will demonstrate the elements of art, Tiffany glass, and the technique of "plating." Both experiences will be accompanied by related activities, which will include instructions and a list of easy-to-find materials.

The Morse's "Create and Explore" webpage, launched on June 2, goes above and beyond these programs for any families or friends looking for more ways to engage digitally. In addition to the summer family programs, the developed webpage offers art activities, lesson plans, video and audio experiences, and selected links to glass-related information online.

All in-person programming at the Morse is canceled or postponed for the time being.

The Morse Museum and Museum Shop closed to the public on Friday, March 13. The Museum is diligently monitoring coronavirus developments as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), and other agencies. The decision to reopen the Morse Museum will be formally announced once public safety can be assured. We expect to make an announcement soon.

For more information and updates about the Morse Museum, please visit <u>morsemuseum.org</u> or call (407) 645-5311. The general public can also reach the Morse Museum by emailing <u>information@morsemuseum.org</u> or directly messaging the Museum through its social media channels.

The Morse Museum is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American designer and artist Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933), including the chapel interior he designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and art and architectural objects from Tiffany's celebrated Long Island home, Laurelton Hall. The Museum's holdings also include American art pottery, late 19th- and early 20th-century American paintings, graphics, and decorative art.

Located at 445 N. Park Avenue, the 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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