

THE CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM of American Art

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Embark on a Quest of Beauty with Free Summer Family Programs at the Morse

Note to Editors: *Attached is a high-resolution image of a guided family tour at the Morse. Additional images are available by e-mailing <u>pubaffairs@morsemuseum.org</u>.*

WINTER PARK, FL—This summer, families are invited to visit the Morse Museum and embark on a Tiffany-inspired quest of beauty during special free programming.

The Museum's free summer offerings for families—targeted to children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents or guardians—include a gallery tour with a take-home activity on Tuesdays and a film, tour, and art activity on Fridays. Registration begins **May 4**. Space in these free family programs is limited, and <u>reservations are required</u>.

This year's programs focus on American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848– 1933) and the diversity of his work. Tiffany characterized his career as a lifelong "quest of beauty." He accomplished his artistic goals through various mediums—glass, ceramic, enamel, jewelry, and furniture as well as architectural design, photography, and painting. Tiffany, son of famous jeweler Charles Lewis Tiffany, founder of Tiffany & Co., began his artistic career in his 20s as a painter. He became one of the most creative and prolific designers of the late 19th century.

The Tuesday Family Tours, which will include a 40-minute tour of selected galleries and a take-home activity, are being offered on **June 16**, **23**, and **30** and **July 7** and **14**.

Friday Family Films, 90-minute programs, will include a short film, a tour of selected galleries, and a hands-on art project. They are scheduled for **June 19** and **26** and **July 10**, **17**, and **24**.

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 Morse Museum is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany. The Museum's collections also include extensive holdings of American art pottery as well as late 19th- and early 20th-century American paintings and graphics, and decorative art from Europe and America.

Summer hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, and children younger than 12 receive free admission and are always welcome with their parents or guardians.

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