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# Holidays at the Morse: Thanksgiving Weekend Open House, Christmas in the Park, and Christmas Eve

Note to editors: Attached is a high-resolution image of Tiffany Studios' Adoration leadedglass window, c. 1900–1916, which is on view in the permanent Tiffany Chapel exhibition. Additional images are available by emailing pubaffairs@morsemuseum.org.

WINTER PARK, FL—The Morse Museum will see the return of free Friday nights beginning Friday, November 5. On **Friday, November 26**, the Museum's Thanksgiving Weekend Open House will kick off its holiday season with free admission and live music. Free admission to the Museum will be offered through **Sunday, November 28**. The season's festivities will continue with free Friday nights that include live music. For four Friday evenings during the holidays (**December 3, 10, 17,** and **31**), visitors can enjoy not only free admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. but also live music from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On **Thursday, December 2**, the Morse Museum and the City of Winter Park present the 43rd annual Christmas in the Park. At this free event in downtown Winter Park—always a highlight of the holidays—the Morse lights up nine Tiffany windows in Central Park and sponsors the Bach Festival Choir and Brass Ensemble in an outdoor concert.

Admission to the Museum is also free on **Friday, December 24**, during the Morse's Christmas Eve Open House, a long-standing tradition that includes live music from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The current schedule of free Morse holiday events and music program is as follows:

#### November 26–28

Thanksgiving Weekend Open House. Friday, 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

**November 26** Beautiful Music Jazz Quartet (bass, flute, guitar, and violin), 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

## **December 2** 43rd Annual Christmas in the Park, downtown Winter Park, 6:15 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

**December 3** Beautiful Music Asian Duo (flute and harp), 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

### December 10

Beautiful Music Chamber Quartet (cello, flute, viola, and violin), 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

### December 17

Beautiful Music Three Flutes Only, 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

## December 24

Christmas Eve Open House, 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m. Live music by Orlando Violin Music, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

#### December 31

Beautiful Music Paint It Black Orchestra (bass, cello, flute, viola, and violin), 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

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. The Morse Museum introduces the newest addition of American art to its collection in the fall exhibition *The Stebbins Collection: A Gift for the Morse Museum*. Theodore E. Stebbins Jr. and Susan Cragg Stebbins gifted their collection of American art to the Morse last spring. The exhibition of these works presents the Stebbins Collection, seventy works of art by fifty-three artists including notable American masters such as Martin Johnson Heade (1819–1904) and Albert Bierstadt (1830–1902), to the public for the first time.

Museum hours from November through April are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, and free for children under 12. All visitors receive free admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays from November through April. Appointments may now be made in advance by visiting <u>admissions.morsemuseum.org/mainstore</u>. For more information about the Morse, please visit morsemuseum.org.

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