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Orlando Museum of Art Presents Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey Special Events

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Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey opens Friday, August 13, 2010 at the Orlando Museum of Art (OMA) and includes special events for all ages. This intriguing exhibition brings over 170 gripping illustrations, preparatory sketches, unpublished drawings and ephemera by master artist and author Edward Gorey. Found below is a list of the upcoming events to celebrate the work of this master illustrator.

Edward Gorey Scavenger Hunt

August 13 through October 31, 2010

Follow the Edward Gorey clues on the OMA Website, Facebook, & Twitter pages, to become an OMA Scavenger Hunt winner! The clues will lead you through Edward Gorey's fascinating art and even to the OMA's front door. Weekly winners will receive free admission to OMA and other gruesome Gorey prizes.

OMA Members Only Gallery Walk & Talk

August 14 / 11am

Galleries open early & coffee	11:00am
Gallery Walk & Talk	11:30am

Celebrate the opening of *Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey* as an OMA member! Please join Hansen Mulford, Curator, for a Members Only Gallery Walk & Talk before the OMA opens to the public. Complimentary coffee & tea courtesy of Bernie's Coffee. If you would like to become an OMA member, call to join at 407 896 4231 x235.

An Afternoon Discussion with Orlando Ballet's Artistic Director Robert Hill & A Special Viewing of *Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey*

August 15 / 1pm - 2pm

Join the Orlando Ballet's Artistic Director, Robert Hill, for a discussion on how contemporary ballet has evolved from traditional and why ballet vocabulary is still relevant today. Attendees who RSVP will receive \$2 off admission to the exhibition *Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey* and be entered for a chance to win a pair of tickets to the upcoming 2010-2011 season of the Orlando Ballet. Please RSVP to Amber.Mundinger@yahoo.com or call 407 721 5779.

Gallery Talk

September 1 / 1:30-2pm

Examine the OMA's collections, including the *Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey*, with associate curator of adult programs, Jan Clanton. Tours are free with paid admission to the OMA galleries.



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The Gorey Details of Pen and Ink
September 25 / 12 - 4pm

A drawing workshop with Catherine Cross is a wonderful opportunity for adult artists, both experienced and beginners, to learn the techniques of pen and ink. View the Edward Gorey collection of original pen and ink drawings for inspiration. Participants will review and learn the fundamentals of the tools and materials, ink and wash techniques, application of line and putting it all together. Supplies provided. Cost is \$65, \$50 for members. Pre-registration is required by September 22. Call 407 896 4231 ext. 262.

Professional Development Workshop For Teachers Only: Exploring the Enigma of Edward Gorey
October 7 / 4 - 6:30pm

Explore the work of master illustrator and author Edward Gorey, known for his brilliant drawings and offbeat, wry view of the world. Learn from selected original illustrations, preparatory sketches and unpublished drawings, and explore the art of storytelling for your students. Literacy connections are emphasized in this interdisciplinary workshop. Pre-registration required by October 1. Cost is \$20, \$15 for OMA members. Call 407 896 4231 x262.

1st Thursdays
October 7 / 6-9pm

“From Words to Works”

Artists depict any scene or character(s) from literature, whether it be a play, poem, novel, song lyric, children’s book or their car’s owner manual [just kidding...maybe!] Admission to is \$10, and always free for OMA members.

Gorey Goblins and more...An Adventure into the Dark Side with Pen and Ink
October 23 / 12 - 4pm

This drawing workshop with Catherine Cross, for adults and youth over 10, will focus on exciting projects for the Halloween season! Skulls, bats, tombstones...all things Gorey will be our inspiration for black and gloomy as we view the original pen and ink drawings of Edward Gorey. In the studio participants will review and practice pen and ink techniques to create art from the dark side for place cards, decorations, greeting cards, “Gorey” art and more. Supplies provided. Cost is \$65, \$50 for members. Pre-registration is required by October 20. Call 407 896 4231 ext. 262.

Not-so-Gorey Stories
October 24 / 1:30pm

Storyteller Bill Cordell will delight children (and those who need a nightlight) with frightfully fun stories during this half-hour program. Free with Admission, Brooker Gallery. Call 407 896 4231 ext. 262.

Gripping, Gruesome & Gorey: Ghastly Stories and other Macabre Tales
October 24 / 2:30pm

Be prepared for an eerie hour of spine-tingling thrills during this multi-media program. Listen as professional storytellers tell mysterious and haunting tales by Edward Gorey and others. Beware: not for the faint of heart or young children. Admission is \$10, \$5 for OMA members, and includes admission to the galleries! Call 407 896 4231 ext. 262.

Orlando Museum of Art presents Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey, August 13 - October 31, 2010

ORLANDO, FLA. - The Orlando Museum of Art (OMA) presents *Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey* opening on Friday, August 13, 2010, and continuing through Halloween. The exhibition features original illustrations, preparatory sketches, unpublished drawings and ephemera by master artist and author Edward Gorey. An illustrated catalogue with an essay by Gorey scholar Karen Wilkin accompanies the exhibition.

Elegant Enigmas pays tribute to the work of Edward Gorey (1925-2000), best known for his brilliant drawings and witty, offbeat stories. Described as “incredibly sophisticated...stylish and inventive” by the New York Observer, Gorey’s signature pen-and-ink illustrations and his unique wit has led him to be considered one of America’s most imaginative and eccentric creative artists. *Elegant Enigmas* includes approximately 170 objects drawn primarily from the Edward Gorey Charitable Trust, featuring selections from such well-known publications as *The Gashlycrumb Tinies*, *The Doubtful Guest*, *The Unstrung Harp* and *The Gilded Bat*, among others.

During his lifetime, Gorey published more than 100 books, designed sets and costumes for numerous theater productions (including his Tony-award winning 1977 production of *Dracula*) and illustrated works for a wide array of authors including Samuel Beckett, Charles Dickens, T.S. Eliot, Virginia Woolf, H.G. Wells and John Updike. In 1980, Derek Lamb’s animated opening credits for the PBS series *Mystery!*, based on Gorey’s drawings, introduced the artist’s work to millions of television viewers.

“The Orlando Museum of Art looks forward to participating in this first major traveling exhibition of Edward Gorey’s art,” said Maureen McKenna, Associate Curator. “The exhibition offers an intimate look at a wide variety of Gorey’s work, ranging from detailed, elegant pen and ink illustrations to costume designs and elaborately hand-decorated envelopes created to mail his letters.” The exhibition has been organized by the Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

The OMA is located in Orlando Loch Haven Park at 2416 North Mills Ave., Orlando, Fla. From I-4 take the Princeton Street exit 85. Drive east on Princeton Street, and at the corner of Princeton and Mills (US Highway 17 / 92), turn left. Go one block to east Rollins Street and turn left. The entrance is the first driveway on the left. Parking is free. For further information, call 407 896 4231 or visit www.omart.org.

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Image: © The Edward Gorey Charitable Trust. Edward Gorey, *He and Miss Skrim-Pshaw mentioned a great many people who had done things in their conversation*, illustration for *The Remembered Visit: A Story Take from Life*, 1965, pen and ink, 3 9/16 x 4 15/16 in., Collection of The Edward Gorey Charitable Trust.

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