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**Celebrate the Orlando Museum of Art's 85th Anniversary and International Museum Day with Free Admission on May 18, 2010!**

**ORLANDO, FLA.** -- (April 15, 2010) The Orlando Museum of Art (OMA) will be participating in the American Association of Museum's International Museum Day, by offering free admission all day on May 18, 2010 from 10am until 4pm. Founded in 1924 as a small art center, the OMA today is an accredited, award winning museum concurrently celebrating it's 85th Anniversary of service. Enriching cultural life in Florida, by providing excellence in the visual arts, is the OMA's main purpose.

The OMA is also proud to simultaneously applaud the 45th Anniversary of the Council 101 volunteer group. This group of women was formed in 1965 for the purpose of fundraising to benefit the Museum. These women have gone beyond just fundraising, and have helped grow the contemporary print collection at the OMA through their strong corporate lease program. According to Executive Director Marena Grant Morrissey, "The Council 101 represents the essence of community pride and belief in the value of the arts to the quality of life and the economy".

Not only is the OMA marking both of these anniversaries, but we are also participating in the International Council of Museums' International Museum Day, which will be celebrated worldwide on May 18, 2010. The International Council of Museums established International Museum day in 1977 to encourage public awareness of the role of museums in the development of society. This year's International Museum Day will focus on social harmony. Museums provide structured platforms for artistic and peaceful interaction between cultures, which is why they are ideal portrayals of social harmony.

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](http://www.omart.org).

The OMA has various exhibitions on view during this time:

*Transcending Visions: American Impressionism 1870-1940 Works from the Bank of America Collection*  
April 10-July 18

*Clyde Butcher: Big Cypress Swamp and the Western Everglades*  
March 20-July 25

*Who's Who: Portraits from the American Collection*  
March 6-June 20

*The American Collection*  
ongoing

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Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday – Sunday noon – 4 pm, closed major holidays

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*Currents in Contemporary Art*  
ongoing

*Of Cloth and Culture: African Textiles from the William D. And Norma Canelas Roth Collection*  
ongoing

*Aztec to Zapotec: Selections from the Ancient Americas Collection*  
ongoing

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