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Jerry Pinkney: Aesop's Fables and Other Tails at the Orlando Museum of Art, May 9 through August 16, 2009

ORLANDO, FL. – Vibrant, colorful, watercolor paintings by award-winning artist Jerry Pinkney bring some of literature's classics to a new generation at the Orlando Museum of Art's sixth annual Art of the Picture Book Series Exhibition. Pinkney's delightful portrayal of animals from such well-known Aesop's Fables as "The Tortoise and the Hare," "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing," "The Goose and the Golden Egg" and other favorite children's stories such as "The Ugly Duckling" and "Rikki-Tikki-Tavvi" are hung lower on the walls so they can be easily appreciated by the youngest of visitors.

A native of Philadelphia, Pinkney studied at the Philadelphia College of Art (now the University of the Arts), where in 1992 he received the Alumni Award. Since 1964, he has illustrated more than one hundred children's books, winning five Caldecott Honor Award Medals, five Coretta Scott King Awards, four New York Times Ten Best Illustrated Book Awards, and in 2006, the Original Art's Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Illustrators, New York, NY. His books have been translated into eleven languages, and published in fourteen different countries.

In addition to his work as an acclaimed children's book illustrator, Pinkney has had more than thirty one-man retrospectives at venues ranging from The Art Institute of Chicago, to the California African American Museum in Los Angeles. He has exhibited in more than one hundred group shows in the USA, Japan, Russia, Italy, Taiwan and Jamaica. Pinkney has also received commissions from a wide variety of clients, including the U.S. Postal Service, National Park Service, National Geographic and the NASA Art Collection at the John F. Kennedy Space Center. In 2001, Pinkney was invited by Laura Bush to illustrate and design the White House Christmas Program. He has taught art at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY; the University of Delaware, Newark, DE; and the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. Pinkney's art can be found in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, the Delaware Art Museum and the Brandywine River Museum. His works have been featured in The New York Times, Arts Section, American Artists Magazine, The Horn Book Magazine, The CBS Sunday Morning Show and PBS Reading Rainbow Room. The artist lives with his wife, author Gloria Jean, in Westchester County, NY.

Pinkney shares, "I have illustrated over a hundred children's books. The most favorite is always the work in progress on the drawing board, because my strongest feelings about a particular book are tied to the experience of creating it. I love the act of making marks on paper, and seeing those marks develop into a picture. My intent and hope is to lead the viewer into a world that only exists because of that picture. Many of these speak to my culture, while other works are based on my experience of being Black in America."

Pinkney is currently featured on the White House Blog. On Wednesday, February 4th, 2009, President Obama and Mrs. Obama visited a public charter school in Washington, D.C. where they read "The Moon Over Star," a book by Dianna Hutts Aston, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, to a second grade class at the Capital City Public Charter School.

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Outstanding programming surrounds the Jerry Pinkney Exhibition at the OMA. Highlights include:

Exhibition Opening

May 9, noon

Celebrate Mother's Day weekend at the OMA. Reading, slide presentation and book signing by Pinkney at 1 pm. Light refreshments provided by Whole Foods Market Winter Park.

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Monday, May 11, 9:30-10:30am

New mothers or new grandmothers and their babies or toddlers are invited to come to the OMA for a touch of adult conversation, interesting facts about art and special treasures to take home. May's program will consist of a brief stroller-friendly gallery walk and a sweet watercolor painting project to decorate your child's room.

Art Adventures*

2nd Tuesday of the month, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, 9:30 am

This inspiring series encourages children and their favorite grownup to have fun while exploring art together through gallery games, music, stories, songs, and art-making. A different adventure is offered each month. Develop looking skills and creative thinking while learning about art in the galleries and afterwards create a related work of art in the studio.

Storytime in the Gallery

Thursdays, May 14-August 13, 1:30 pm

Featuring books illustrated by Jerry Pinkney and other tales.

Storybook Tours*

Saturdays, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 15

Special storybook readings introducing children to art and literacy. Storybook Tours feature story time in the Pinkney exhibition and other galleries followed by a related art-making activity. Books chosen for the monthly readings will include new favorites and old classics.

Family Day

Saturday, June 13, 10am-noon

Come talk with the animals! Enjoy a fun family morning at the OMA exploring art and animals with a special performance by Tales Two Tell at 11 am, art activities, meet and greet live animals from Central Florida Zoo (from 10-11), and gallery hunts. Light refreshments provided by Whole Foods Market Winter Park. Tales Two Tell storytellers Autumn Garick and Robin Schulte pay tribute to the art of Jerry Pinkney with a family storytelling event featuring animal stories gathered from around the world.

Daddy-O*

Saturday, June 20, 1:30 pm

This is a time to for Dad's to come and create with their children. If you have been looking for a fun, enriching, hands-on opportunity to spend some quality time with your kids, this is it! This class is designed just for men and children (all ladies will have to find something else to do). So Dad, Daddy, Daddy-O, Poppy, Father, Granddad, Grandpa, come and enjoy some art-looking and art-making.

*Pre-registration required

For more information on the OMA and these programs, or to register, please visit www.omart.org, or call 407 896 4231.

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