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Meet Award-Winning Artist Jerry Pinkney at the Orlando Museum of Art

ORLANDO, FL. – Bring the entire family to meet Caldecott Honor Medal winning artist Jerry Pinkney at the Orlando Museum of Art Saturday, May 9, 2009, at 1pm. Following a slide show and storytime with the artist, kid-friendly refreshments will be provided by Whole Foods Market Winter Park. There will also be a book signing with the artist from 2pm to 3 pm. The event kicks-off the sixth annual Art of the Picture Book Series at the OMA with the public opening of *Jerry Pinkney: Aesop's Fables and Other Tales* exhibition, running through August 16, 2009.

The exhibition features 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". The art is hung lower on the walls so it can be easily appreciated by the youngest of visitors. Families can also enjoy the reading area and interactive discovery center.

Outstanding programming surrounds the Jerry Pinkney exhibition at the OMA.

Highlights include:

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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, 9:30am

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, 1:30pm

Featuring books illustrated by Jerry Pinkney and other tales.

Storybook Tours*

Saturdays, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 15, 1:30pm

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.

Orlando Museum of Art

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Orlando, FL 32803
www.omart.org



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

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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 11am, art activities, meet and greet live animals from Central Florida Zoo (from 10-11am), 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, 1:30pm

This is a time 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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