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National Children's Book Week Celebrated at the Orlando Museum of Art

ORLANDO, FL. – This May the Orlando Museum of Art joins in the national celebration of Children's Book Week (May 11- 17) with its latest Art of the Picture Book Series exhibition, *Jerry Pinkney: Aesop's Fables and Other Tails*. Book Week encourages young people to discover the complexity of the world through books.

Opening on May 9, 2009, this exhibition features the vibrant watercolors of acclaimed children's book illustrator Jerry Pinkney. Pinkney's animated illustrations bring to life such beloved stories as *The Ugly Duckling*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* and *Aesop's Fables*.

Through its Art of the Picture Book series, the OMA celebrates the joy of reading and the world of the imagination. In *Jerry Pinkney: Aesop's Fables and Other Tails*, viewers both young and old will delight in discovering how the artist creates his vibrant illustrations and in gaining a behind-the-scenes view of the process of producing a picture book, from early sketches to final illustration.

Geared towards children and families, the art in *Jerry Pinkney: Aesop's Fables and Other Tails* is hung lower on the wall for easy viewing by young visitors. An inviting reading area in the center of the gallery encourages readers of all ages to discover the stories behind the illustrations, while interactive activities and an exhibition discovery center invite active participation by young visitors.

The OMA is pleased to participate in the celebration of Children's Book Week, the longest-running literacy event in the country, with this exhibition highlighting the art created for some of Jerry Pinkney's most well-known books. In addition, the OMA is offering a series of related educational programs for children and families, including weekly storytimes, story-book tours, monthly Art Adventures, a May 9 Opening Day event with the artist himself reading and book signing, and a fun Family Day on June 13 with live animal from the Central Florida Zoo.

For more information, visit www.omart.org.

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