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Award-winning illustrator, Jerry Pinkney, will be appearing at the Orlando Museum of Art on October 24, 2009

ORLANDO, FL. –(September 29, 2009) Award-winning illustrator, Jerry Pinkney, will be appearing at the Orlando Museum of Art on October 24, 2009 at 1pm for a special presentation and book signing. Pinkney's new book, *The Lion & the Mouse*, has been an instant New York Times bestseller, and is the topic of his presentation. Admission to the event is free, compliments of publisher Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. See the original watercolor illustrations from this book displayed in the OMA galleries as well.

Catch this last chance to see the popular illustrator's exhibition at the OMA, *Jerry Pinkney: Aesop's Fables and Other Tails*, which is closing on November 1, 2009. Enjoy a Storybook Tour, which begins at 1:30pm. Admission to Storybook Tours is \$10 per adult, \$8 for OMA members, the first child is free, and there is a \$3 admission charge per additional child. The Storybook Tour features a story in the exhibition, followed by an art-making activity. *Pre-registration is required for this event.

Jerry Pinkney: Aesop's Fables and Other Tails features drawings and watercolor illustrations that bring to life such beloved stories as The Ugly Duckling, Little Red Riding Hood, Rikki-Tikki-Tavi and Aesop's Fables. 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

Jerry Pinkney, 70 and living in Westchester County, N.Y., has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Black Writing Festival and his watercolors have been honored with five Caldecott Honors, five Coretta Scott King Awards, four New York Times Best Illustrated Book Awards, and the Hamilton King Award. Pinkney has had 30 one-man retrospective shows in this country and 100 international group shows. He's received commissions from the National Park Service, the U.S. Postal Service, and NASA.

*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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