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Orlando Museum of Art Participates in ArtsFest with Free Gallery Admission and Target Family Day Activities on Saturday, February 13, 2010

ORLANDO, Fla. - Target Family Day takes place on Saturday, February 13, 2010, from 10 am until noon at the Orlando Museum of Art. Sponsored by Target, this event will be free. Families will have the chance to celebrate our planet Earth with eco-friendly activities that include gallery hunts, music, stories, and art projects!

Enjoy guest storyteller Bill Cordell, who will captivate participant's imaginations portraying characters and musician Don Harrell, a member of the duo OrisiRisi African Folklore. Harrell's unique artistic form, based on folk-knowledge, can be attributed to his lengthy studies of African culture. Joining Don Harrell will be Fitzroy Harris of Sugarcane.

Experience the beautiful birds from The Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, sure to engage all ages. The Center handles the largest volume of eagles, owls, falcons, hawks, and kites east of the Mississippi River. An in studio "eco" art project using recyclable materials will complete the experience.

From noon to 4pm, the OMA is offering free admission into the galleries. This event is part of ArtsFest, a community-wide annual celebration of Central Florida's arts and culture, and the Changing Landscapes, Changing Visions project at the OMA. This seven-month project will include four outstanding exhibitions of art of the American landscape and dynamic educational and collaborative programming focusing on the changing American landscape and related issues of conservation and "greening."

Two of these exhibitions opened January 9, 2010:

Nature and Spirit: American Art of the 19th and 20th Centuries

01.09.10 - 04.25.10

Artists help shape our concept of what we see as beautiful and inspiring about nature. This exhibition will feature more than 25 paintings, sculptures, ceramics and other decorative arts of the mid-19th century to the mid-20th century. The selections will offer a historical overview of the engagement of leading American artists with the landscape and show some of the ways in which evolving ideas about nature are expressed in art.

Without a Trace: Artists Imagine a World Without Us

01.09.10 - 03.21.10

Alan Weisman's book, *The World Without Us*, is an imaginative but well-researched exploration of just how nature would go about un-doing what civilization has wrought. At times frightening, and sometimes encouraging, Weisman's work of nonfiction served as the inspiration for this exhibition. Featuring significant works of contemporary art from local collections, this exhibition will provide an objective look at how the natural world could encroach on our manmade landscape and the human will to survive and leave a mark.

Orlando Museum of Art

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

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OMA General Admission

\$8 for adults

\$7 for seniors, military and students

\$5 for children ages 4-17

Free for museum members and children ages 3 and under

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.

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