



MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM *of* ART
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MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART TO PARTICIPATE IN BLUE STAR MUSEUMS

(Jackson, Miss.) ... The Mississippi Museum of Art (MMA) announces the launch of Blue Star Museums, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), Blue Star Families, and more than 1,300 museums across America offering free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2011.

Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The complete list of participating museums is available at www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Museum Director Betsy Bradley said, "Although we offer free admission to military personnel and their families year round, it is our privilege to participate with museums across the country in the NEA's Blue Star Museums program. We invite all members of our armed forces to visit us this summer as they share precious time with their families."

"Blue Star Museums may be the program at the NEA of which I am proudest," said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. "Blue Star Museums recognizes and thanks our military families for all they are doing for our country,

and simultaneously begins young people on a path to becoming life-long museum goers.”

The Mississippi Museum of Art and its programs are sponsored in part by the city of Jackson and the Jackson Convention & Visitors Bureau. Support is also provided in part by funding from the Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, and in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Museum hours through July 17, 2011: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM – 6 PM; Sunday, noon – 6 PM; with extended hours on Thursday until 8 PM. Closed Monday. Museum hours after July 17: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM – 5 PM; Sunday, noon – 5 PM.; closed Mondays. For more information visit the web at www.msmuseumart.org or call 601-960-1515 or toll free 1-866-VIEW-ART.

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