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NOMA Gets By *With a Little Help from Our Friends*

Exhibition of new acquisitions in the decorative arts opens June 20

[Hi-res images available upon request.]

NEW ORLEANS (Monday, June 1, 2009)—This summer, the New Orleans Museum of Art presents *With a Little Help from Our Friends: Recent Accessions in the Decorative Arts*, an exhibition of more than 50 diverse works that significantly enhance the Museum’s already renowned Decorative Arts collection, from June 20 to October 18. The pieces come to the New Orleans Museum of Art as the result of several generous gifts by private collectors.

“That federal, state and local funding for the arts continues to shrink is well known and documented,” says **John W. Keefe**, the RosaMary Foundation Curator for Decorative Arts. “Less well known is the resultant fact that museums are therefore increasingly dependent upon the generosity of their friends and patrons for the continued growth of their collections. This has definitely been true of the Decorative Arts Department at the New Orleans Museum of Art in these post-Katrina years. The magnanimous support from the Museum’s friends is celebrated by this exhibition.”

Some of our friends

The exhibition showcases a variety of glass from the collection of **Jack M. Sawyer**; eight important additions to the glass collection from **John W. Lolley**; a collection of American pressed-glass presented by **Florence Jastremski**, in memory of her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood Duval Jastremski**; multiple Lalique glass pieces, some from **Caroline Querbes Nelson** and others from **Dr. Siddarth Bhansali**; Paris porcelains from **David Stone**, American Society of Interior Designers, and The **H. Speed Lamkin** Fund created by friends of Mr. Lamkin on the occasion of his 80th birthday; and Belleek porcelain from **Dr. William B. Zeiler**, presented in memory of **Geraldine Colby Zeiler**.

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Also featured are several small sculptures, including gifts from, **Dr. and Mrs. Travis J. Harrison, Jetta Molter and George Roland**. The areas of American and European silver have also been notably strengthened through accessions on display in the exhibition, including those given by **Sydney and Walda Besthoff** and **Dr. Daniel L. Hodges**.

More information

With a Little Help from Our Friends: Recent Accessions in the Decorative Arts will be on view in the Cameo Gallery in The Lupin Foundation Center for The Decorative Arts on the Museum's second floor.

Admission to the Museum is **FREE to Louisiana residents** through the generosity of The Helis Foundation.

Related Public Programs

Wednesday, July 15, 6 p.m. — Tour: *With a Little Help from Our Friends*

Exhibition organizer **John W. Keefe**, The RosaMary Foundation Curator of the Decorative Arts, leads visitors on an informal tour of *With a Little Help from Our Friends: Recent Accessions in the Decorative Arts*. This new exhibition gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the Museum's patrons and friends who have helped enhance the Museum's already renowned Decorative Arts collection with gifts in ceramics, glass, metalwork, small sculpture and Fabergé objects.

About NOMA and the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden

The New Orleans Museum of Art, founded in 1910 by Isaac Delgado, houses more than 30,000 art objects encompassing 4,000 years of world art. Works from the permanent collection, along with continuously changing temporary exhibitions, are on view in the Museum's 46 galleries Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Museum is free to Louisiana residents through the generosity of The Helis Foundation.

Admission to the adjacent Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden, featuring work by 59 artists, including several of the 20th century's great master sculptors, is always free during regular Museum hours.

The New Orleans Museum of Art and the Besthoff Sculpture Garden are fully accessible to handicapped visitors and wheelchairs are available from the front desk.

For more information, call (504) 658-4100 or visit www.noma.org.

