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Museum District Day

September 12, 2009

Houston, Texas – August 5, 2009 - Get ready to enjoy a free day in the Houston Museum District on Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Board a free bus shuttle at any participating museum and spend the entire day exploring favorite museums and discovering new destinations. Museum District Day will feature fascinating exhibitions, hands-on activities, demonstrations and performances throughout the day. Seventeen museums will waive their general admission fee to offer the community the opportunity to enjoy the District's diverse displays of art, science, nature and history. For more details about Museum District Day please visit

www.houstonmuseumdistrict.org or (713) 790-1020.

Participating museums include:

Buffalo Soldiers National Museum
Byzantine Fresco Chapel Museum
Children's Museum of Houston
Contemporary Arts Museum Houston
Czech Center Museum Houston
The Health Museum
Holocaust Museum Houston
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft
Houston Center for Photography

Houston Museum of Natural Science
The Jung Center
The John C. Freeman Weather Museum
Lawndale Art Center
The Menil Collection
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
Rice University Art Gallery
Rothko Chapel

FREE PERFORMANCES & HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

ALL DAY LONG

- At **Children's Museum of Houston** play interactive math games including Last Dragon, Guess Hacker's Coins, Donuts and more with the Discovery Guide at The ExxonMobil Magnificent Math Moments cart. Learn physics through building structures in the Science Station and create your own Build it High super-structure.
- Visit with artists whose work is featured in *No Zoning: Artists Engage Houston* at **Contemporary Arts Museum Houston**.
- Relax at **Czech Center Museum Houston** and view videos of travelling in the Czech Republic and Houston: Our City. Enjoy docent-led historical tours and drop-in lectures.
- At **Holocaust Museum Houston**, children take a paper hand fan and fill it with images from the workshop, "Little Town in the Palm of Your Hand." Special exhibits include: *A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II* and the Jewish People and *Besa: Muslims Who Saved Jews during the Holocaust*.
- At **Houston Center for Contemporary Craft**, interact with craft artists and watch demonstrations during the annual "Gathering of the Guilds." In the main gallery, enjoy *Challenge VII: dysFUNCTIONal*, which showcases multi-media work that subverts and satirizes function.
- Enjoy the exhibits *Artist as Performer* and *Learning Curve 3* at **Houston Center for Photography**.
- Be part of the *INSIDE-OUTSIDE Virtual Parade* at **The Jung Center**. Use an assortment of images to create a collage of yourself and add it to the community collage. Visit the art exhibits *Postcaenium* and *Interpretation*.
- Visit the Permanent Exhibit Halls at the **Houston Museum of Natural Science**.
- The **Museum of Fine Arts, Houston** has numerous on-going programs for families and adults. Tour the Indonesian Gold, African Art, and Pre-Columbian galleries and then make your own golden adornments at

Creation Station: Glistening Gold; sketch works of art in the galleries; or stop by the membership desk for on-your-own family guides through the collections. Adults enjoy Cell Phone Tours for select works and a *What to see in an Hour Guide* to 20 works of art, available at Guest Services.

- At **The Weather Museum** participate in hands-on weather activities and explore the exhibit, *Remembering Ike*, marking the one-year anniversary of the hurricane.
- Enjoy the film *Expedition 3D: The Cell* in the McGovern 4-D Theater at **The Health Museum**, every 20 minutes until 4 p.m. Visit and learn more about your body in *YOU: The Exhibit*, *The Amazing Body Pavilion* and at the Discovery Carts.
- Experience the wacky fun of *Big Lectric Fan To Keep Me Cool While I Sleep*, artist Wayne White's room-sized work of art that is a tribute to legendary country singer George Jones at **Rice University Art Gallery**.

SPECIAL EVENT TIMES

- **10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.**
Explore shadow and light in the Inventor's Workshop at the Children's Museum of Houston by creating scenes using familiar items as well as items that sparkle, glow and reflect light.
- **10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
Meet KHOU-TV Channel 11 anchors and reporters at HMNS.
- **11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
Watch and ask questions of Houston artist Nestor Topchy as he demonstrates the process of fresco painting at the **Byzantine Fresco Chapel Museum**.
- **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
Witness performances about the life of a Buffalo Soldier at the **Buffalo Soldiers National Museum** every hour on the hour.
- **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
Celebrate the 30th anniversary of **Lawndale Art Center** by making mini piñatas and decorate the back patio with chalk. Don't miss multiple exhibitions on view including the 30th Anniversary Exhibition curated by Clint Willour.
- **11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.**
Experience a meditative practice at **Rothko Chapel at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** and understand the transformative power of Mark Rothko's murals. At 3 p.m. listen to a performance by Etty Ben-Zaken, singer, and a string quartet, performing *Rava Deravin*, sung in Aramaic, and *Stabat Mater*, sung in Hebrew, Arabic, English, Latin, and Ladino. Performance presented in collaboration with the Jewish Community Center.
- **Noon – 4 p.m.**
At **The Menil Collection**, enjoy the percussive sounds of D.R.U.M. (Divine Rhythm, United Motion) from noon to 4 p.m. Recycle and make functional Shrinky Dinks art, jewelry and more with crafter Claire Chauvin on the Menil bookstore deck. Also, embark on a campus wide treasure hunt of The Menil Collection, perfect for kids and adults.
- **Noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.**
Enjoy a variety of Gallery Talks at MFAH: noon: Spotlight on *A Wooded Landscape in Three Panels* by Louis Comfort Tiffany at the Beck building; **1 p.m.:** Highlights of the MFAH at Beck; **2 p.m.:** Highlights of the MFAH in the Law building; and **3 p.m.:** Spotlight on Rembrandt in the Beck building.
- **11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**
At Holocaust Museum Houston, speak with Holocaust survivors Ruth Steinfeld at 11 a.m. and Chaja Verveer at 2 p.m.
- **1 p.m.**
Enjoy an Artist Talk with Diane Ducruet, Christopher Pickett and Jaime Warren in conjunction with the exhibit *Artist as Performer* at **Houston Center for Photography**.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

- Cafe Express in the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's Beck Bldg. from 11 am – 7 pm
- Kids' Café at the Children's Museum of Houston
- McDonald's in the Houston Museum of Natural Science
- Healthy drinks and snacks at The Health Museum
- Free lemonade at Lawndale Art Center (while supplies last)

- Free St. Arnold root beer at The Menil Collection (while supplies last)
- Free ice cream and water at Rice University Art Gallery (while supplies last)

Continue to enjoy the offerings of the Houston Museum District throughout the year through free admission to ten museums all the time; and free admission to eight museums at specific times. To confirm free admission times please visit www.houstonmuseumdistrict.org.

Parking in the Houston Museum District

Free and paid parking is available within the Houston Museum District. Please visit our website to view parking options.

Extend Your Museum District Adventure at Hotel ZaZa or Residence Inn by Marriott

Downtown/Convention Center or Courtyard by Marriott Houston Downtown/Convention Center

Hotel ZaZa is offering a special one or two-night package for Museum District Day guests. Just ask for the special Museum District Day package and receive a **\$169** room rate for a fabulous ZaZa King or ZaZa Double Room (plus 17% tax). The room rate includes complimentary coffee and tea every morning at the butler's pantries on each floor as well as wireless internet access in your room and public spaces. Enjoy the beautiful Urban Oasis and fitness center. Guests that stay on Saturday night, September 12 will be able to take advantage of the 5 p.m. check out on Sunday. Any guest that books this rate at Hotel ZaZa and stays 2+ nights will receive a 20% discount at the spa. To learn more about Hotel ZaZa Houston visit www.hotelzaza.com. The hotel is located in the heart of the Houston Museum District.

Residence Inn by Marriott Houston Downtown/Convention Center

Book a weekend stay, Friday, September 11, 2009 and/or Saturday, September 12, 2009 and receive a \$50 Bonus Buck coupon for a weekend stay. Promotion requires a Friday or Saturday night stay; **\$129.00 per night plus tax**. Coupon good for a future two night weekend stay at any participating Marriott brand hotel. For more information visit: www.residenceinnhoustondowntown.com. Walk to METRO Light Rail station www.RideMetro.org and ride the rail to the Museum District station at the MFAH for \$1.25 per person.

Courtyard by Marriott Houston Downtown/Convention Center

Book a weekend stay, Thursday, September 10 through Sunday, September 13, 2009 and receive a voucher good for a \$20 Visa gift card. Stay must include a Friday or Saturday night. **\$119.00 per night plus tax. For more information visit:** www.courtyardhoustondowntown.com. Walk to METRO Light Rail station www.RideMetro.org and ride the rail to the Museum District station at the MFAH for \$1.25 per person

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