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**CARLOS MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE ART MUSEUM DAY ON MAY 18th 2012
WITH FREE ADMISSION**

...Over 100 art museums across North America will offer free or reduced admission, special programs, or other initiatives...

Atlanta, GA, May 14, 2012—The Michael C. Carlos Museum announced today that it will offer free admission on Friday, May 18th, 2012 as part of the Association of Art Museum Directors' (AAMD) Art Museum Day, coinciding with International Museum Day.

In recognition of the important role museums play in their communities, the Michael C. Carlos Museum encourages visitors to share their museum experiences during Art Museum Day via social media with the hashtag #ArtMuseumDay in a collective public response. Join our Art Museum Day event page on Facebook and “Like” us for more information on giveaways and fun museum facts. Visit www.carlos.emory.edu for more information.

“We are proud to celebrate Museum Day with our community. Together we recognize the opportunities museum’s offer to engage directly with works of art in new and meaningful ways,” said Bonnie Speed, Director of the Michael C. Carlos Museum.

“AAMD believes that art should be accessible and relevant to all, and we are so pleased that the Carlos Museum is joining with us and the global community of museums to celebrate the role museums play in their communities and to encourage visitors to share their museum experiences,” said Chris Anagnos, Executive Director of AAMD.

Participation in the international event highlights the value of the visual arts in society, and provides new opportunities for audiences to participate in wide-ranging programs and record their encounters with works of art.

AAMD member museums—located across the United States, Canada, and Mexico—include regional museums as well as large international institutions. International Museum Day is organized annually around the world by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). AAMD’s Art Museum Day is an opportunity to focus attention on the role of art museums in North America, as part of [ICOM’s global celebration of museums](#).

A comprehensive list of participating AAMD member art museums will be available in the [newsroom of the AAMD website](#). Note that while AAMD’s Art Museum Day and ICOM’s International Museum Day is formally held each year on May 18th, some institutions shift their celebrations to adjacent dates.

About the Michael C. Carlos Museum

The Michael C. Carlos Museum of Emory University collects, preserves, exhibits, and interprets art and artifacts from antiquity to the present in order to provide unique opportunities for education and enrichment in the community, and to promote interdisciplinary teaching and research at Emory University. The Carlos Museum is one of the Southeast’s premier museums with collections of art from

Greece, Rome, Egypt, Near East, Nubia, the Americas, Africa, and Asia, as well as a collection of works on paper from the Renaissance to the present.

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