FJJMA Announces Store Sale Dec. 7, Holiday Hours

NORMAN, OKLA. – The holidays came early to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, which announced last week that it will now extend free admission to all visitors, thanks to an annual $60,000 gift from the University of Oklahoma Athletics Department. The gifts keep coming as Muse, the museum store, offers 15 to 40 percent discounts on all sales Friday, Dec. 7.

The second annual Holiday Grab Bag Sale is set from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday. Each visitor will receive a grab bag with a 15 to 40 percent discount on total purchases.

“The Grab Bag Sale will be a lot of fun because it’s a mystery to find out what kind of discount you’ll get at the end,” said Jin Garton, manager and buyer for Muse. “But it’s always a great deal.”

Museum Association members always receive 20 percent discounts off store merchandise. University faculty, staff and students receive 10 percent off purchases with a valid OU ID. Discounts will not apply to items on consignment and cannot be combined, but the highest discount will be applied.

The store’s merchandise includes art-inspired, educational and even zany gifts, as well as fashionable accessories and handmade jewelry. Catalogs from current and past exhibitions and collections and other unique items are among the store’s offerings. A preview of some of the store’s items are available on the FJJMA website under the Shop link at www.ou.edu/fjjma.

During upcoming holidays, the museum will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, and will close early Friday, Dec. 28, at 5 p.m. The museum also will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013. The museum is closed all Mondays and will reopen with normal operating hours Jan. 2.
To continue with the giving spirit, the FJJMA is collecting donations for Positive Tomorrows, an Oklahoma City school that serves homeless children and their families. Throughout December, the museum is collecting children’s coats, gloves, scarves, socks, toiletry items and school supplies, as well as Walmart or Target gift cards at the front desk. Visitors are encouraged to contact Jessica Farling, the museum’s coordinator of academic programs, for more information at (405) 325-5990 or jrfarling@ou.edu.

Two exhibitions celebrating the James T. Bialac Native American Art Collection remain on display in the museum through Dec. 30. The James T. Bialac Native American Art Collection: Selected Works and Indigenous Aesthetics: Selections from the James T. Bialac Native American Art Collection both opened Sept. 22 and feature selections from the multimillion-dollar collection of more than 4,000 works. The collection was given from Bialac, a private collector from Phoenix, Ariz., to OU in 2010.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located in the OU Arts District on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. Admission to the museum is free to all visitors, thanks to a generous gift from the OU Athletics Department. The museum is closed on Mondays. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938 or visiting www.ou.edu/fjjma.

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