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Spring Programs Return to Art Museum

NORMAN – Complimentary noon programs and a bi-monthly family series return this month to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma. The events begin in January to begin an exciting year at the museum.

Art After Noon, a monthly series of 30-minute discussions about the museum’s permanent collection, begins at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20. The series is designed to acquaint visitors with landscape paintings acquired by the museum’s first director, Oscar B. Jacobson, in conjunction with an upcoming exhibition, A World Unconquered: The Art of Oscar Brousse Jacobson.

The series opens with a discussion of Edward Weston’s White Dunes, Oceano and California. Other works examined throughout the semester include works by Paul Cézanne, B.J.O Nordfeldt, Jozef Bakos and Birger Sandzén. Visitors to Art After Noon are encouraged to bring their lunch; dessert and drinks will be provided.

Family Days return to Sunday afternoons at the museum every other month, starting in January. Visitors can explore the museum’s current exhibitions and enjoy hands-on art activities for the entire family. The program is 1 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 25 and features the 101st Annual School of Art and Art History Student Exhibition, which opens Jan. 20.

Tuesday Noon Concerts also begin this month for the spring lunch hour at the museum. The weekly series of 30-minute concerts performed by OU music students and faculty begins at noon Jan. 27 in the museum’s Sandy Bell Gallery. The concerts will be held each Tuesday through April 14.

A preview of the opera Carmen: in Concert, directed by music professor James Shames, opens the series. The following week will feature a saxophone
performance by professor Jonathan Nichol’s saxophone studio. Additional concerts include a Native American flute and a harp performance, as well as violin, organ, flute, bassoon and tuba/euphonium performances. The series will conclude on April 14 with a performance by Stephen Beus’ piano studio.

The complete schedule of Art After Noon, Family Days and Tuesday Noon Concerts is available on the museum website at www.ou.edu/fjjma. Gallery talks follow select Tuesday Noon Concerts at 12:30 p.m.; the full spring calendar for the museum also is available on the website.

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 complimentary to all visitors, thanks to the generosity of the OU Office of the President and 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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Tuesday Noon Concerts, the weekly series featuring University of Oklahoma School of Music students and faculty, shown here, return to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art on Jan. 27. A full listing of programs and dates is available at www.ou.edu/fjjma.