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FJJMA Museum Offers \$3 Holiday Admission

NORMAN – In the spirit of the holiday season, the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma is giving the gift of art – for the whole family. From Friday, Dec. 26, through Tuesday, Dec. 30, the FJJMA will lower admission to \$3 per family.

“With the economy in a slump and families looking for fun, affordable outings after Christmas, \$3 admission for a full family is a great way for the museum to say thanks to our visitors,” said Ghislain d’Humières, director of the museum.

Highlights from the Eugene B. Adkins Collection opened in March, part of more than 3,300 Native American objects, from paintings to pottery and jewelry.



American Artists from the Russian Empire, a major international exhibition exploring early 20th-century Russian immigrant art, opened in October. In November, the museum debuted *Reflections: Russian Contemporary Photographs*, a collection of photography by *Moscow Times* photojournalists from 1992 to 2002.

All three exhibitions close Jan. 11, 2009, to make way for new construction in the museum and a year of Western American and Native American art.

Michael Bendure, public relations officer, said the special offer gives local families an affordable alternative to expensive entertainment.

“Anyone who’s been waiting for the best time to visit our current exhibitions has the perfect excuse to take the whole family,” he said. “The art museum is the perfect place to take a ‘staycation’ with the family and enjoy art from around the world, all in one place.”

In addition to the reduced admission, Museum Association members receive 20 percent off all purchases in the Museum Store through Dec. 30. Members of the OU campus community with proper ID receive 10 percent off items – double the normal discount. All gifts come with a complimentary gift bag and holiday paper.

On Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, the FJJMA kicks off the New Year with a new exhibition, *Borderlands: Images of the American West*. The exhibition examines turn-of-the-20th-century Western and Native American art.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays throughout December. Sunday hours are 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is closed Mondays and university holidays, including New Year’s Eve. Museum admission is free on Tuesdays.

The museum’s Web site is www.ou.edu/fjjma. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938.

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PHOTO OUTLINE

Students at the University of Oklahoma review *American Artists from the Russian Empire*, an international exhibition which opened in October at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. From Dec. 26 through 30, the museum is offering \$3 admission per family to view three exhibitions that end in early January.