



THE FIFTY MILLION VISITORS WHO ATTENDED THE 1900 PARIS WORLD'S FAIR FOUND

QUITE A BIT TO SEE AND DO. You could witness for the first time a talking movie, read about (if not ride) an escalator, and thrill to the fact that Campbell's Soup – an American product – walked away with a gold medal (still prominently displayed on their cans, by the way.) German inventor Rudolf Diesel displayed his new motor, which ran on the futuristic green fuel, peanut oil. And there was lots of art, especially from the French.

An entire pavilion, for example, was devoted to the work of Auguste Rodin. Nearly 170 of his works, in bronze, plaster, and marble, were on view to the public. The Americans were scandalized, the French amused. For if nothing else, there is a human energy, sexuality, and natural grace in the work of Rodin that many visitors to the Fair had never seen. The Exposition of 1900 made Rodin even more of a success. Already well-known in France, he now enjoyed international fame. Money was no longer a problem, for collectors, museums, and individuals offering commissions besieged the artist.

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Yet, it had not always been that way. Just a few years earlier, Rodin considered himself a failure. Three times he

had applied to enter the prestigious École des Beaux-Arts, and three times he had been rejected. His inspiration as a sculptor was absolutely fixed as a child when he went to a library in Paris and discovered the images of Michelangelo. Over and over he copied the images (some survived and are quite wonderful) from the books, returning so often that he incurred the wrath of the *Directeur de la biblothèque* (head librarian). By the age of eighteen, Rodin apprenticed himself to a number of decorators and ornamentalists who routinely took his work and sold it as their own.

Four years later, following the untimely death of his beloved sister Maria, he withdrew to Les Pères du Saint-Sacrément, a newly-formed religious order in Paris. Once more, Rodin considered himself a failure, this time as a novice to the monastery. The head of the order saw otherwise. Father Peter Julian Eymard posed for a bust and recognized the young artist's extraordinary talent, dedication, and sensitivity. Sensing that Rodin was destined for greatness in work other than the church, Father Eymard gently eased him back to the

We are all quite grateful that Rodin elected to spend his life in the pursuit of his artistic dream. You may come share that dream and learn more about the incredible personality of Rodin at the LSU Museum of Art. More than 65 sculptures will be on display at the LSU Museum of Art from January 25 through April 19, with *Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession, Sculpture from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation.* Come for an extended morning or afternoon. Enjoy the art, see the movie, and revel in the work of a man who struggled so hard, was rejected so many times, and yet became recognized as the greatest sculptor since his hero, Michelangelo.

Thomas A. Livesay Executive Director LSU Museum of Art

world of art.

Auguste Rodin sculpting the bust of Father Peter Julian Eymard. Photo courtesy of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, Cleveland, Ohio.



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Feature Event

A new way of looking at the permanent collection –
Representations: Constructing
Identity from Hogarth to MySpace

To commemorate its fiftieth anniversary, the LSU Museum of Art has installed a portion of the permanent collection that explores the notion of representation and self-representation. Since its founding in 1959, the museum has collected portraits, beginning with English and early-American portraiture by such luminaries as William Hogarth, Sir Joshua Reynolds, and Rembrandt Peale. The collection grew, adding nineteenth-century Louisiana portraits by Jacques Amans and Alfred Boisseau and twentieth-century works by such Louisiana notables as George Dureau and Clementine Hunter. More recently, the Museum acquired modern portraits by the artists Diego Rivera. Yousuf Karsh, and Paul Jenkins.

Traditionally portraits have been viewed as mere likenesses – copies – of their sitters. In the *Representations* exhibition, we complicate the notion of portraiture, presenting not merely likenesses, but the sitter's values, beliefs, and sense of self, as well. Viewers are invited to participate in the exhibit, representing themselves through the popular Internet site MySpace.

Interested in having your MySpace page included in the Representations exhibition? Email Victoria Cooke at vcooke@lsu.edu





ABOVE LEFT: GEORGE PETER ALEXANDER HEALY (Irish-American, 1813-1894), Portrait of a Lady in a Black Gown, 1845, oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Groves, LSU MOA, 60.2.3 ABOVE RIGHT: JUDY COOPER, Juanita, from the New Orleans Sunday series, 2007, color pigment print.

Isn't it romantic!?!

Bring your valentine to the LSU Museum of Art on February 14 and be inspired by Rodin's sculptures like his famous *The Kiss*. Enjoy the *Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession* exhibition before your evening plans, and from 2pm to close, receive a complimentary rose with admission.

AUGUSTE RODIN (French, 1840-1917), *The Kiss*, modeled c. 1881-1882, cast number, edition size and date of cast unknown, Alexis Rudier Foundry, bronze, 34 x 17 x 22 in., Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation, promised gift to the North Carolina Museum of Art.

An American in Paris The sounds and tastes of Paris will be brought to life on February 19 when two events collide: Third Thursday

two events collide: Third Thursd and Frame to Frame! From chocolates to fromage, plus a viewing of the 1951 movie An American in Paris – it can't get more magnifique than this!

Admission for Third Thursdays is only \$5 for LSU MOA members and \$10 for nonmembers. This price includes admission to entertainment on the 4th floor and to the Museum on the 5th floor. A cash bar will be provided with \$3 drink specials. For an additional charge, you can enjoy the classic film An American in Paris.

Frame to Frame is sponsored by the Al and Anne Rotenberg Family Fund of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation.
Third Thursdays events are sponsofed by the Louisiana Lottery Corporation.



COVER IMAGE: AUGUSTE RODIN (French, 1840-1917), The Thinker (detail), modeled 1880, reduced in 1903, cast number and date of cast unknown, Alexis Rudier Foundry, bronze, 14 3/4 x 7 7/8 x 11 3/8 in. Iris

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Exhibitions



- a magnificent obsession

Sculpture from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation

Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession

Organized and made possible by the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Foundation Open January 25 through April 19 Opening Reception January 24, 6pm – 8 pm

Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession defines not only the obsession of a collector, but also the obsession of the artist himself. B. Gerald Cantor's obsession with the artist Auguste Rodin began after seeing The Hand of God at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Eighteen months later, for the equivalent of two months' rent, he bought his first Rodin, the bronze version of The Hand of God. Cantor has since amassed the world's largest and most complete private collection of Rodin's work.

Auguste Rodin (1840-1917) is considered by many to be the greatest sculptor since Michelangelo, but in his early career Rodin struggled for recognition and acceptance. In the 1860s, he submitted sculptures to the Paris Salon exhibition, but his obsession with creating highly emotional and visceral works that avoided the formulaic tradition of academic studies resulted in rejections. By 1900, however, an entire pavilion at the Paris Universal Exposition was devoted to a retrospective exhibition of his work.

In the end, of course, it is less the artist than his art that matters to most. Most people are familiar with Rodin's The Thinker or The Kiss, which remain among the most recognizable and popular sculptures of recent history.

With more than sixty-five sculptures, from maquette-sized studies to monumental works including those mentioned, the Burghers of Calais, and The Gates of Hell, the exhibition Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession offers an exceptional opportunity to gain a rich impression of both Rodin's and Cantor's passions. Among the features of this exhibit is a series of objects that demonstrate how lost wax casting is done, photographs of the artist by Edward Steichen, and an award-winning video documenting the Cantor Foundation's commissioning of a casting of The Gates of Hell.

This winter, experience the monumentality that is Rodin's art. Explore the emotional and the joyful, the tragic and the triumphant. Revel in the artist's rejection of tradition and his genius of invention. And discover the magnificent obsession!











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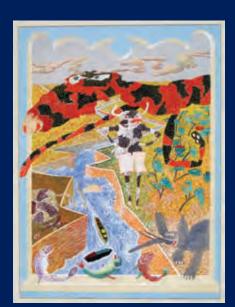
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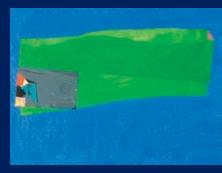
Reunion: James Burke, Edward Pramuk and Robert Warrens

May 21 – August 9

RIGHT: JAMES BURKE (b. Minnesota, 1935), Landscape II, begun 1964. Engraving, state IV, edition 35. The Michael Frederic Daugherty Collection, bequeathed by Andrea Mills Daugherty, LSU MOA 2008.2.4 BELOW: ROBERT WARRENS (b. Wisconsin, 1933), Untitled, c. 1970. Gouache on paper. The Michael Frederic Daugherty Collection, bequeathed by Andrea Mills Daugherty, LSU MOA 2008.2.24 BOTTOM: EDWARD PRAMUk (b. Ohio, 1936), Island, 1978. Mixed media collage. The Michael Frederic Daugherty Collection, bequeathed by Andrea Mills Daugherty, LSU MOA 2008.2.17







Also On Display

LSU Art: Past and Present

Open through November 30, 2008

Mardi Gras season officially begins on Twelfth Night (January 6). To celebrate. Caroline Durieux's series of Mardi Gras prints will be on view in the gallery LSU Art Past and Present. These delightful images show Carnival as it once was with parades lit by flambeaux in the French Quarter and the formal meeting of the courts of Rex and Comus. Other timeless images include revelers enjoying the day, the Queen of Carnival in the parade stands at the Boston Club, even an exhausted couple asleep on a park bench at the end of day.



CAROLINE DURIEUX (American, 1896-1989), The Swine Makers or Three Pigs, Mardi Gras Day, edition of 10, 1946, black and white lithograph. Gift of the Artist, LSU MOA 68.9.41

Also at the Shaw Center for the Arts

Alfred C. Glassell Jr. Exhibition Gallery

First Floor

For more info contact Malia Krolak, gallery coordinator for the LSU School of Art, at 225.389.7180; artgallery@lsu.edu.

The Sky is Gray: Works inspired by Ernest Gaines On display through December 10

MFA Thesis Exhibition in Photography Adam Hess and Tara Ratliff

December 16-19; Reception: December 17, 6pm - 8pm

LSU School of Art Faculty Exhibition – Recent Works January 17 – February 15; Reception: January 24, 6pm – 8pm

Rachel Hayes - An Installation in Collaboration with LSU Sculpture Students

February 28 - March 29; Reception: TBA

Young Professionals of LSU MOA

hursdays

A new excuse to start your weekend early: Thursdays are the new Fridays! Get ready to get down from 6pm-9pm every Third Thursday. Downtown Baton Rouge has never been hotter with live music and entertainment. Admission is only \$5 for LSU MOA members and \$10 for nonmembers. Price includes admission to entertainment on the 4th floor and the museum on the 5th floor.

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In-Kind: Whole Foods

December 18

Feelin' Hot Hot Hot!

Bringing the beach to you with jams by Gram & Darrin of Hip Boot Joe! Come relax and get away from the madness of the holidays with pineapple martinis, beach ball games, and fun!

January 15

A Wine Experience

Experience wine on a whole new level! Learn about the different wine-making techniques, grape varieties, and how to perfectly pair your favorite vintages with specific dishes.

February 19

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If you are interested in volunteering for Third Thursdays—whether it's greeting quests, selling memberships, or planning a Third Thursdays event of your own—we'd love your help! Volunteers receive free admission and recognition in our newsletter! For more information, contact Chelsea H. Catlett at charr24@lsu.edu; 225.389.7213.

Join the YPs and get the most out of your museum membership. It's just one more way to support the arts in Baton Rouge.





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Let's give a round of applause to Ashley Fox-Smith for leading the Young Professional group for over two years! She recruited many dynamic and enthusiastic MOAlites (the YP original name). Ashley will be missed but surely her legacy will not be forgotten. Thanks for leading the way, Ashley.

New Young Professionals Chair

Kelli Richmond, the Development Manager for The ALS Association Louisiana Chapter, is the new Chair of the YPs of the LSU MOA! Kelli graduated from the LSU Manship Schoo of Mass Communication in 2004, and spent the next three years building her career in Los Angeles as the Publicist for LF Stores. Since her return to Baton Rouge in 2007, she has worked as an Event Coordinator for the Ascension Parish Bicentennial, the InRegister Bayou Blowout Sale, a fashion editor/writer for LaVie Magazine, and a publicist on film sets. In addition to YP's, Kelli is also an active member of Forum 35, Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), and Public Relations Association of Louisiana (PRAL).





Events

DECEMBER

7 Free First Sunday Free Admission, Fifth Floor

Third Thursdays: Feelin' Hot Hot! \$5 LSU MOA members, \$10 non-members, Fourth and Fifth Floors, 6pm-9pm Bringing the beach to you with jams by Gram & Darrin of Hip Boot Joe! Come relax and get away from the madness of the holidays with Pineapple martinis, beach ball games and fun! This program is sponsored by the Louisiana Lottery Corporation.

JANUARY

Free First Sunday Free Admission, Fifth Floor

Shaw Center's Second Saturdays: Who Am I? Who Are You? Free Admission, Fifth Floor, 10am – 2pm The arts have always been a part of how we share information about ourselves. Visit the LSU Museum of Art to play "Who Am I" and see how good you are at finding clues to peoples' identities. Children must be accompanied by an adult who is prepared to provide assistance. This program is part of Second Saturdays, sponsored through a grant from the Pennington Foundation.

Third Thursdays: A Wine Experience \$5 LSU MOA members, \$10 non-members, Fourth and Fifth Floors, 6pm-9pm Experience wine on a whole new level! Learn about the different wine-making techniques, grape varieties, and how to perfectly pair your favorite vintages with specific dishes. This program is sponsored by the Louisiana Lottery Corporation.

22 Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession Teacher In-Service 9am – 3pm (lunch on your own) For more information and an application, visit the "Education" section of our website: www.lsumoa.com or email education curator Lara Gautreau at Igaut@lsu. edu. This is a great opportunity to learn about Auguste Rodin, his art, and the best ways to use the class resources and materials provided by the LSU Museum of Art and the Cantor Foundation. Collaborate with a curator, an art educator, a practicing artist, and other teachers as we spend time in the exhibition and work on hands-on projects your students are sure to love.

Opening Reception for Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession Free for LSU MOA members, Fifth Floor, 6pm – 8pm

Gallery Talk: Judith Sobol Free with Museum Admission, Fifth Floor, 2pm Judith Sobol, Executive Director of the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Foundation. will discuss the formation of the Cantor Foundation's collection of Auguste Rodin sculptures. Her talk will reveal the obsessions of the collector, B. Gerald Cantor, with forming and shaping a collection, and those of Rodin, who focused on changing the nature of sculpture to become the most famous sculptor of his time.

Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession Opens

Nude vs. Naked: A Panel Discussion Free with Museum Admission, Fifth Floor, 6:30pm What is the difference between "naked" and "nude"? Why does one provoke embarrassment, while the other inspires appreciation? And what happens when people get the two mixed up? While the nude is one of the most enduring and universal subjects in art, it has also proven to be one of the most misunderstood and, at times, controversial. Panelists will provide their insights as we consider historical, cultural, and educational issues related to the nude in art.

F€BRUARY

Free First Sunday Free Admission, Fifth Floor

Living Art: Interpretations by the LSU Department of Theatre Free with Museum Admission, Fifth Floor, 2pm What is The Thinker thinking? What happens next for the two lovers of The Kiss? Experience these and other dramatizations that are sometimes humorous, sometimes heartbreaking, but never dull as students from LSU's Department of Theatre bring Rodin's timeless sculptures to life.

Shaw Center's Second Saturdays: Sketching Sculptures Together Free Admission, Fifth Floor 10am – 2pm Whether you're confident or cautious about your sketching skill, kids and their favorite adults will delight in picking up pencils and drawing the day away in with Rodin's sculptures as the subjects and LSU art students as their guides. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult who is prepared to provide assistance. This program is part of Second Saturdays, sponsored through a grant from the Pennington Foundation.

Isn't it romantic!?! Fifth floor, 2pm – 5pm Be inspired by Rodin's famous sculpture The Kiss. Enjoy the Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession exhibition before your evening plans, and from 2pm to close, receive a complimentary rose with admission.

Frame to Frame: An American in Paris \$10 LSU MOA and Manship Theatre members, \$15 non-members, Fifth Floor and Manship Theatre, 6pm reception, 7pm film showing You're sure to fall in love, as Jerry Mulligan (Gene Kelley), a struggling American painter in Paris, jokes, sings and dances while romantic complications abound. This program is made possible from the Al and Anne Rotenberg Family Fund of the Baton Rogue Area Foundation.

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Art in Action

























MOA News



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This holiday season our galleries will be under construction as we prepare for the exhibition Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession.

As our gift to you, the LSU Museum of Art will offer reduced admission between December 2 and January 22.

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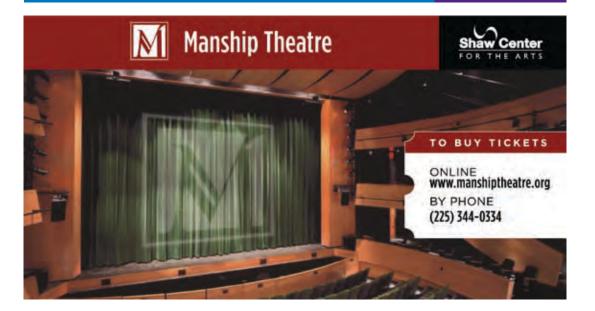
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