



**MEADOWS MUSEUM TO JOIN ASSOCIATION OF ART MUSEUM DIRECTORS'  
SEVENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ART MUSEUM DAY ON MAY 18, 2016  
WITH FREE ADMISSION**

Dallas, May 5, 2016— The Meadows Museum at SMU announced today that it will offer free admission on Wednesday, May 18, as part of the Association of Art Museum Directors' (AAMD) Art Museum Day, coinciding with International Museum Day on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Last year, the Meadows Museum—along with more than 150 other AAMD member museums across North America—participated in Art Museum Day. By providing new opportunities for participation in the diverse range of programs offered by AAMD member museums, Art Museum Day celebrates the value of the visual arts and the important role art museums play in their communities. The Meadows Museum also invites visitors to share their experiences on Art Museum Day via social media, with the hashtag #ArtMuseumDay.

Mark A. Roglán, the Linda P. and William A. Custard Director of the Meadows Museum and Centennial Chair in the Meadows School of the Arts, states, “We’re happy to celebrate this special day with our AAMD member museums, and we welcome visitors to enjoy and explore our permanent collection of Spanish art and our three special exhibitions: *Salvador Dalí: An Early Surrealist Masterpiece*; *Between Paris and Texas: Marie Cronin, Portraitist of the Belle Époque*; and *Process and Innovation: Carlotta Corpron and Janet Turner*”

“AAMD is delighted that the Meadows Museum is joining us in celebration of Art Museum Day,” said Chris Anagnos, Executive Director of AAMD. “In AAMD’s 100<sup>th</sup>-anniversary year, we are especially proud to celebrate the vital role art museums play in the civic and creative life in our communities.”

AAMD represents 242 art museums across the United States, Canada, and Mexico—from regional museums to large museums in major urban centers. 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.

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

### **About the Meadows Museum**

The Meadows Museum is the leading U.S. institution focused on the study and presentation of the art of Spain. In 1962, Dallas businessman and philanthropist Algur H. Meadows donated his private collection of Spanish paintings, as well as funds to establish a museum, to Southern Methodist University. The museum, which opened to the public in 1965, today is home to one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of Spanish art outside of Spain. The collection includes medieval objects, Renaissance and Baroque sculptures, and major paintings by Golden Age and modern masters. Through the years, The Meadows Foundation has continued to provide generous support for the Meadows Museum and Meadows School of the Arts at SMU.

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