



Exhibition Fact Sheet

Description: The visual arts have occupied a central place in the collecting mission of the Louisiana State Museum since its 1906 founding. *Louisiana Inspired: Selections from the Permanent Collection* allows visitors to glean a profound sense of more than two centuries of the state's history and culture.

Exhibition Dates:

- Sept. 15, 2016 – May 27, 2017

Exhibition Location:

- Capitol Park Museum, 660 N. Fourth St, Baton Rouge

Exhibition Hours:

- 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays – Saturdays
- Closed Mondays and state holidays

Admission:

- Adults: \$6
- Students, senior citizens, active military: \$5
- Children 12 and under: Free

Exhibition Highlights:

- This exhibition shows the stylistic range of our state's art, including French neoclassicism in the 1830s and 1840s sparked by the arrival of Jean-Joseph Vaudechamp and Jacques Amans, the Grand Manner style that predominated on the eve of the Civil War, mid-20th century modernism, and the socially conscious art of the early 21st century.
- The evocative rural settings of the Deep South bayous, swamps and countryside offered endless inspiration for artists such as Joseph Meeker and Andrés Molinary. Meeker's

1876 *Louisiana Bayou*, with its hazy atmospheric light, is an excellent example of this idyllic style. Molinary's ca. 1890 *Live Oaks* pictures a pristine landscape unspoiled by encroaching civilization.

- Artifacts Figurative sculpture includes a marble bust of Sophie B. Wright by an unidentified sculptor. Wright (1866-1912) established the first free night school in New Orleans at a time when many children worked during the day and Louisiana had no compulsory education law. In 1912, the first public school for girls in the Crescent City was named in her honor.

Overview of the Louisiana State Museum: Founded in 1906, Louisiana State Museum is a system of National Historic Landmarks and architecturally significant structures housing a half-million artifacts that showcase the state's history and culture.

- Five museums call New Orleans' historic French Quarter home—the Cabildo, the Presbytère, 1850 House, Madame John's Legacy and the Old U.S. Mint. Museums outside of New Orleans include Capitol Park Museum in Baton Rouge; Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum in Natchitoches; Wedell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Museum in Patterson; and E.D. White Historic Site in Thibodaux.
- Louisiana State Museum's mission focuses on collecting, preserving and interpreting buildings, documents and artifacts that reveal Louisiana's history and culture and presenting those items using both traditional and innovative technology to educate, enlighten and provide enjoyment for Louisianians and visitors.

Louisiana State Museum website:

- LouisianaStateMuseum.org