



New Orleans Museum of Art

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NOMA to Stay Open All Night June 7 to June 8 for Closing of *Rodrigue's Louisiana*

Continuous free events include Rodrigue, Prudhomme, late-night music, and more

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Thursday, May 29, 2008)—The New Orleans Museum of Art will remain open all night long from Saturday, June 7 to Sunday, June 8, to mark the closing of its current blockbuster exhibition, *Rodrigue's Louisiana: Cajuns, Blue Dogs, and Beyond Katrina*.

Special events will be ongoing during the 24-hour period beginning Saturday, June 7 at 5 p.m. and continuing through the end of the exhibition's run on Sunday, June 8 at 5 p.m. The lineup of events is highlighted by live music and Cajun dancing with **Lafourche** (Saturday, 5 p.m.); more music by an artist to be announced (Saturday, 9 p.m.); late-night dance music with **DJ Beverly Skillz** (Sunday, midnight to 3 a.m.); book signings with the famed Blue Dog artist **George Rodrigue** (Sunday, 1 and 3 p.m.); a cooking demonstration with Rodrigue's old friend, **Chef Paul Prudhomme** (Sunday, 2 p.m.); an appearance by another longtime Rodrigue friend, jazz legend **Pete Fountain** (Sunday afternoon); and live Dixieland jazz from the **New Orleans Jazz Club** (Sunday, 2 p.m.).

A **cash bar** will be open during the live music and DJ on Saturday night, and special "**Blue Dog**" **daiquiris** will be available all Sunday afternoon.

Other events on tap include **complimentary Sunday morning coffee and donuts** (Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon); screenings of a **Rodrigue documentary** in the Stern Auditorium (all day Sunday); appearances by **New Orleans Zephyrs mascot Boudreaux**, **New Orleans Saints mascot Gumbo** and the **Saintsations**, and **New Orleans Voodoo mascots Mojo and Bones** (Sunday, 1-3 p.m.); **free snowballs for kids** (Sunday, 1-5 p.m.), and a drawing to **win a signed, personalized Rodrigue print**.

Rodrigue's Louisiana: Cajuns, Blue Dogs, and Beyond Katrina, as well as NOMA's other current exhibitions and permanent collection works on view, will remain open for a total of 31 consecutive hours, from the time the Museum opens on Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m., until Sunday, June 8 at 5 p.m.

Louisiana residents receive discounted Museum admission during *Rodrigue's Louisiana: Cajuns, Blue Dogs, and Beyond Katrina*--\$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and free for children under 18.

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Other special exhibitions currently on view include *New Orleans: A Sense of Place*, organized by the Historic New Orleans Collection, tracing more than 150 years of the city's history from 1850 on; and *Dog Show*, a light-hearted look at images of canines from the Museum's permanent collection, also closing June 8.

For more information, contact the Museum at (504) 658-4100 or e-mail pr@noma.org.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 7, 4 p.m.	Cajun dance lessons
Saturday, June 7, 5 p.m.	Live Cajun Music with Lafourche
Saturday, June 7, 9 p.m.	Live music (artist TBA)
Saturday, June 7, midnight	DJ Beverly Skillz
All Night Long	Tour the Museum
Sunday, June 8, 9 a.m.	Free coffee and donuts
Sunday, June 8, All Afternoon	Blue Dog Daiquiris
Sunday, June 8, All Afternoon	Free Blue Dog Snowballs
Sunday, June 8, 1 p.m.	George Rodrigue book signing
Sunday, June 8, 1 p.m.	Meet New Orleans mascots Boudreaux (Zephyrs), Hugo (Hornets), Gumbo (Saints), Mojo and Bones (Voodoo)
Sunday, June 8, 1 p.m.	Meet the Saintsations
Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.	N.O. Ragtime & Dixieland Jazz Band
Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.	Paul Prudhomme Cooking demonstration
Sunday, June 8, 3 p.m.	George Rodrigue book signing

About NOMA and the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden

The New Orleans Museum of Art, founded in 1910 by Isaac Delgado, houses more than 40,000 art objects encompassing 4,000 years of world art. Works from the permanent collection, along with continuously changing temporary exhibitions, are on view in the Museum's 46 galleries Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to the adjacent Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden, featuring work by 57 artists, including several of the 20th century's great master sculptors, is always free during regular Museum hours.

The New Orleans Museum of Art and the Sculpture Garden are fully accessible to handicapped visitors and wheelchairs are available from the front desk.

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