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Free Admission for Weekend of Katrina Remembrance
Richard Misrach exhibition, HBO *Treme* screenings highlight August 28-29 weekend at NOMA

New Orleans, LA – In honor of the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA) hosts a weekend of events, all of which are free and open to the public.

American photographer Richard Misrach will premiere an exhibition: *UNTITLED [New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, 2005]: Photographs by Richard Misrach.* The exhibition will be open to the public starting on Saturday, August 28, at 10 a.m. in NOMA's first floor Bay Gallery. Saturday evening is a members-only reception with the artist. The exhibition will be on display until October 24, 2010.

Sunday, August 29, Misrach will host a public lecture on his exhibition in the Stern Auditorium at 2 p.m. After the event, he will be signing his catalogues in the Museum Shop.

HBO's Grammy-nominated series *Treme* will screen in the Stern Auditorium on Saturday and Sunday.

NOMA Katrina Remembrance Weekend Schedule
Saturday, August 28:
10:30 a.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 1
11:30 a.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 2
12:30 p.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 3
1:30 p.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 4
2:30 p.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 5
3:30 p.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 6
4:30 p.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 7

Sunday, August 29:
10:30 a.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 8
11:30 a.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 9
12:30 p.m. – HBO *Treme* Episode 10
1-4 p.m. – Family art-making activity in the Great Hall
2 p.m. – Misrach's lecture in Stern Auditorium
3 p.m. – Misrach's catalogue signing in the Museum Shop

***UNTITLED [New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, 2005]* exhibition**
Misrach's 69 photographs focus on the graffiti left by New Orleans evacuees, revealing a range of individual reactions and giving a human face to the wreckage. Among them are: "Don't Try – I am sleeping inside with a big dog, an ugly woman and two shotguns …" "Hey Katrina!! That's all you got? We will be back!!" and "Destroy this memory."

Misrach shot the photographs between October and December 2005 with a 4 MP pocket camera. The Houston Museum of Fine Arts is also exhibiting the work. Five complete sets of the work have been created and are now in the permanent collections of NOMA, Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Modern Art, New York, the National Gallery of Art and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Catalogue
UNTITLED [New Orleans and the Gulf Coast 2005]: Photographs by Richard Misrach is accompanied by a 140-page, hardcover catalogue, *Destroy this Memory: Photographs by Richard Misrach*. The book does not contain any essays or titles, allowing the bold graffiti messages captured in the photographs to speak for themselves. Published by Aperture, the catalogue is available in NOMA's Museum Shop for $65.

NOMA ADMISSION
Wednesdays are FREE for all Museum visitors. Louisiana residents with valid photo identification: Adults, $8; Seniors (65 and up), $7; Children 3-17, $4; Children under 3, free. Out-of-state visitors: Adults, $10; Seniors (65 and up), $9; Children 3-17, $5; Children under 3, free. Free Wednesdays and discounted admission for Louisiana residents is made possible through the generosity of The Helis Foundation.

ABOUT NOMA AND THE BESTHOFF SCULPTURE GARDEN
The New Orleans Museum of Art, founded in 1910 by Isaac Delgado, houses more than 30,000 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 61 artists, including several of the 20th century's great master sculptors, is always free. The Sculpture Garden is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. except for Wednesdays, when it's open until dusk. The New Orleans Museum of Art and the Besthoff Sculpture Garden are fully accessible to handicapped visitors and wheelchairs are available from the front desk.

For more information, call (504) 658-4100 or visit www.noma.org.

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