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Look What's New on View at the LSU Museum of Art!

The presents are unwrapped and the turkey is picked clean to the bone...looking for something to do with the family? Come to the LSU Museum of Art where children accompanied by an adult get in free for the holidays. There is an exciting new addition to the museum's permanent collection galleries – a 14 x 8 foot banner hand painted by George Rodrigue featuring his famous Blue Dog at the U.S. Capitol building. This is a unique piece by Louisiana's most famous contemporary artist and has never been on display before.

We finally found the perfect spot for the Cajun canine: she watches over the museum's *Idea Box* where visitors can participate in various hands-on activities and even post a picture of their own pets for all to see. Here you can learn about drawing techniques such as shapes, lines and textures or try your hand at creating portraits or abstract art. You can also play a game of hide and seek with objects in the museum or unscramble art jumbles.

The current special exhibition, *Of People and Places: Contemporary Works from the JPMorgan Chase Art Collection*, remains on view for the holidays. Kids and adults alike will be captivated by Andy Warhol's series of mythic characters including *Mickey Mouse*, *Superman*, and, of course, *Santa Claus*. All 9 of these silkscreens sparkle with diamond dust. The exhibition of objects and images includes paintings, prints and even a full-sized felt suit that represent various people, and intriguing places.

The Chase exhibition is complemented by a free family guide available to all museum visitors. The guide provides activities you can try at home such as drawing your own mythic figure to add to Warhol's series or making a collage.

We are also offering discounts for Tsunami and Capitol City Grill customers as well as patrons of the Manship Theatre. There's lots to do and see at the LSU Museum of Art – Downtown at the Shaw Center for the Arts.