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Representations: Constructing Identity from Hogarth to MySpace

BATON ROUGE, La. — This exhibition of objects from the permanent collection has been put together to commemorate the LSU Museum of Art's 50th anniversary. It shows the progress of the institution from its early roots through its days as a museum of period rooms to its current reincarnation as Baton Rouge's premiere art institution, dedicated to the display of modern and contemporary American and Louisiana painting, sculpture, photography and works on paper.

Representations challenge traditional notions of portraiture and representation. Since the earliest days of expression, artists have used images of human figures to represent individuals, societies, ideas, concepts, and cultural values. From its earliest days the LSU Museum of Art has collected portraits, at first concentrating particularly on amassing a fine collection of British, American and Louisiana portraits of the 17th through 19th century. More recently, the museum has begun actively collecting modern and contemporary paintings and photography which builds on this foundation while looking to the future. *Representations* re-figure the permanent collection to explore the issue of representation and meaning in art from traditional portraiture to contemporary personifications of ideas. Visitors are also be asked to consider how they would want to be represented, whether through an accurate likeness or objects that are important to them or ideals they espouse. They will be invited to post their "portraits" or "representations" in the exhibition through the internet vehicle, MySpace.

Visitors to this exhibition will see how far we've come from our beginnings as we commemorate our past and celebrate our future. There is something for everyone at the LSU MOA.

This holiday season our galleries will be under construction as we prepare for the exhibition *Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession*. As our gift to you, the LSU Museum of Art will offer half-price admission between December 2 and January 22.

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