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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT “WINTER WONDERLAND” AT THE NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART**



*Bring the entire family for a day of FREE family fun at Hands ON! Second Saturday Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 9 from 10 am – 6 pm at the Nevada Museum of Art.*

**Reno, NV (December 9, 2023)** – The dilemma: you have family in town visiting for the holidays and you need something to do that will satisfy everyone, including a toddler and your great-great grandmother. Let the holiday favorite *The Christmas Song* be your guide: whether you’re one or ninety-two, experience the holiday spirit at Hands ON! Second Saturday Winter Wonderland Celebration and E.L. Cord Museum School Open House happening on **Saturday, December 9 from 10 am – 6 pm at the Nevada Museum of Art.**

The special holiday-themed celebration is a part of the Museum’s ongoing Hands ON! Second Saturday program, which offers free admission to everyone for the second Saturday of every month courtesy of the Estelle J. Kelsey Foundation. So, how can you get the most out of our Winter Wonderland and Open House? By joining us for a day filled with holiday-inspired family fun, of course! See the activities listed below:

**Hands-On Art Projects.** With the help of Museum volunteers and educators, create your own holiday-inspired frame with all the festive trimmings to hold your precious seasonal memories.

**Go on an Art Expedition.** If it’s your child’s first time touring an art museum, turn it into an art “expedition” with our Museum Educators who transform a walk through the gallery into a journey through time and space. Offered at 10:30 am and 1 pm, you and your child can discover new insights and ideas through education-based activities calibrated to generate opportunities for learning...and fun!

**Storytelling.** For your youngest artists, snuggle up with our resident storyteller for an interactive story hour opens the mind and heart as they follow the exploits of art-inspired heroes who journey through color theory, composition and design to discover more about creativity. Offered at 11 am, 12:30 pm, and 2 pm.

**Live musical performances.** At noon and 1:30 pm, join In-Tune Tales in the Wayne L. Prim theatre for everyone’s favorite holiday story: *The Grinch*! Find your cheer from the holiday’s greenest character and find yourself singing along with this merry ensemble. Or stop by the Museum Café for a cozy bowl of soup or seasonal salads and sandwiches and be entertained by a live jazz ensemble in the Donald W. Reynolds Grand Hall.

**Guided tours.** Do you want to take your experience in the galleries to the next level? Join a guided tour at 11 am or 2 pm and let Museum docents provide you with insights, research and background information about the exhibitions on display. All guided tours are free.

**E.L. Cord Museum School Open House.** Experience the magic of a studio art class at the E.L. Cord Museum School! From 10 am – 4 pm drop-in classes are offered in all three classrooms. Create a marbled holiday ornament, a watercolor holiday card and learn the basics of costume figure drawing. All materials are included. Make sure you bring your creativity and a smile. Like what you make? Be sure to pick up a copy of the Museum School Class Schedule so that you can plan your next art adventure. If you register for a class that day, you will receive 20% off the cost of enrollment.

**Museum Shop/Holiday Sale.** Find one-of-a-kind artisan gifts in the Museum Shop. 10% off for all shoppers on Saturday, December 9, 10 am – 6 pm.

## THE DETAILS

Hands ON! Second Saturday Winter Wonderland runs from 10 am – 6 pm Saturday, December 9. Free admission for everyone, all day, courtesy of the Estelle J. Kelsey Foundation. Join us and create family memories—and ornaments—that you and yours will cherish for a lifetime.

*Sponsorship for Hands ON! Second Saturday is provided by the Estelle J. Kelsey Foundation.*

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**The Nevada Museum of Art** is the only art museum in Nevada accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). A private, nonprofit organization founded in 1931, the statewide institution is supported by its membership as well as sponsorships, gifts and grants. Through its permanent collections, original exhibitions and programming, and E.L. Cord Museum School, the Nevada Museum of Art provides meaningful opportunities for people to engage with a range of art and education experiences. The Museum's **Center for Art + Environment** is an internationally recognized research center dedicated to supporting the practice, study, and awareness of creative interactions between people and their environments. The Center houses unique archive materials from more than 1,500 artists working on all seven continents, including Cape Farewell, Michael Heizer, Walter de Maria, Lita Albuquerque, Burning Man, the Center for Land Use Interpretation, Great Basin Native Artists Archive, Ugo Rondinone's *Seven Magic Mountains*, and Trevor Paglen's *Orbital Reflector*. Learn more at [nevadaart.org](http://nevadaart.org).

### Land Acknowledgement

The Nevada Museum of Art acknowledges the traditional homelands of the *Wa She Shu* (Washoe), *Numu* (Northern Paiute), *Newe* (Western Shoshone), and *Nuwu* (Southern Paiute) people of the Great Basin. This includes the 28 tribal nations that exist as sovereign nations and continue as stewards of this land. We appreciate the opportunity to live and learn on these Indigenous homelands.