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The Museum of Arts & Sciences

Presents

The Classical World:
From the Collection of the Tampa Museum of Art

Over 200 Greek and Roman antiquities from the Tampa Museum of Art's
permanent collection

Opening March 14, 2008

Daytona Beach, FL - *The Classical World* opens March 14, 2008 at the Museum of Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach. *The Classical World* is a **long-term loan exhibition of 200 plus rare Greek and Roman antiquities** from the collection of the Tampa Museum of Art. Recognized as the finest collection of its kind in the southeastern United States, *The Classical World* surveys the material culture of the Mediterranean area from the Neolithic period to the Roman Imperial period, roughly 8500 BC to 476 AD.

The exhibition illustrates the types of art works characteristic of ancient Greece and Rome: painted pottery; sculpture in marble, bronze, and terra cotta; personal ornaments of bronze and gold; struck silver and gold coins; and a

variety of ancient glass vessels as well as other items that illuminate interesting aspects of daily life.

Highlights of the MOAS installation include an elegant and rare marble head of the serene Athena, and a breathtaking marble torso of Aphrodite. MOAS Chief Curator, Cynthia Duval notes, “In great part, my own fascination with the Tampa loan lies in the wide variety of ceramic vases, bowls and containers in the collection, once used in public ceremonies and private life. Illustrated with scenes of the everyday interspersed with famed figures of mythology, each piece tells a story that makes classical Greece come alive; figures from antiquity encircle, enhance and emphasize usage and focus on cultural beliefs.”

There is a young child’s articulated doll and other fascinating references to children’s lives. *The Classical World* also features marble statues, bronzes, deeply carved frieze fragments, and a wealth of interesting everyday items including small shovels and oil lamps.

The display of numerous silver and gold coinage not only indicates vigorous trade and identifies powerful Greek warriors including the earthbound Alexander, but pays homage to the greatest of all Greek gods – the Olympian Zeus.

These rare and beautiful objects combine to lead the visitor into an intimate vision of the culture, values, and rituals of the classical world, and above all, offer an all-absorbing appreciation of classical civilization and artistic creativity. *The Classical World: From the Collection of the Tampa Museum of Art*

is an expansive display that speaks to everyone, appealing to all senses and tastes by encapsulating history, design and beauty through many different examples of creativity.

HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION

The Tampa Museum of Art's initial purchase of the noted Joseph Veach Noble Collection of antiquities in 1986 formed the foundation of the exhibition. Exciting related gifts, purchases and long-term loans including an exquisite marble frieze fragment of a goddess and a group of important statuettes from the collection of Barbara and Costas Lemonopoulos expanded the Tampa Museum of Art's holdings over time.

The Board of Trustees of the Museum of Arts & Sciences would like to extend their grateful appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. James Carratt for their participation as a "Friend of the Exhibition."

High quality images and additional information can be found at

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Diverse collections unite at the Museum of Arts and Sciences (MOAS). Located in a beautiful 90-acre natural setting in Daytona Beach, MOAS is the primary art, history and science museum of Central Florida. Planetarium and laser shows daily. Museum Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday - Saturday) and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Sunday). Museum admission is \$12.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children 6-17, \$10.95 for seniors and students, members and children 5 and under are free. Admission includes planetarium shows. MOAS is fully accessible to the disabled. MOAS is located at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. For more information call 386/255-0285 or visit our web site at: www.moas.org.

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