

*Step into a Masterpiece*

**theMcNay**

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**McNay Art Museum Meets \$50.8 Million Capital Campaign Goal  
Announces Completion Committee for Additional Endowment Support**

**Museum, Region Enter New Era with  
Opening of New Stieren Center for Exhibitions June 7**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS — Tom C. Frost, chairman of the McNay Board of Trustees and chairman of the museum's capital campaign, announced that the museum successfully reached their goal of raising \$50.8 million to renovate the McNay residence, increase the museum's endowment, and build the 45,000 square foot Jane and Arthur Stieren Center for Exhibitions, set to open during a weekend of public festivities, June 7th and 8th.

"The success of our campaign was made possible by community leadership and generosity in the tradition of Marion McNay," said Frost. "As chair of that campaign, I extend my gratitude to all our supporters. Our financial inspiration began with a magnificent bequest by our dear friend, the late Arthur Stieren and included The Tobin Endowment, AT&T, The Ewing Halsell Foundation, the Semmes Foundation, Inc., The Brown Foundation, Inc of Houston, the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, Valero, and the scores of other donors who embraced this project. I'm especially grateful for the commitment of my colleagues, past and present, on the McNay board of trustees to enabling us to reach our goal. Members of the board rolled up their sleeves to support this effort as well as opening their checkbooks, and personally contributed \$33 million to our capital campaign,"

After recognizing the key assistance of fellow board members, past and present, in reaching their campaign goal, Frost announced the formation of a Completion Committee to raise a minimum of an additional \$5 million endowment to support the continued expansion of programming and rise in expenses.

In what has been the most ambitious capital campaign to date for a San Antonio art

institution, the 54-year-old McNay will soon enter a new level of exhibitions and programming afforded by the Stieren Center expansion. "It is truly a time for celebration at the McNay. We've met our fundraising goals, we're about to open the Stieren Center on time and on budget, we have tremendous inaugural exhibitions to share and are launching a wide range of innovative educational programs," said Dr. Chiego. "Yet, in order to meet the needs of our increased attendance, rising operating costs and our commitment to provide exciting new exhibitions and programs, we must further enrich our endowment."

"Representing the private enterprise sector of the city's cultural institutions, the McNay Art Museum does not receive any government funding," said Frost. "Throughout its history, the McNay Art Museum has continuously operated in the black, and moving into a new era, the only way to maintain that impressive track record is with a strong endowment fund," he continued.

The museum projects a growth in attendance by 40% in the remainder of 2008 and at least 30% in 2009. Total average attendance in 2007 was 100,000 with as many as 45,000 adults, teachers, students and families served by the McNay's variety of art education programs and resources.

### **About the McNay**

Built by artist and educator Marion Koogler McNay in the 1920s, the Spanish Colonial Revival-style home opened as Texas' first museum of modern art in 1954. Today more than 100,000 visitors a year enjoy works by 20th-century masters including Paul Gauguin, Vincent van Gogh, Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, and Pierre-Auguste Renoir. In June 2008, the museum opened the 45,000-square-foot Jane and Arthur Stieren Center for Exhibition designed by internationally renowned French architect Jean-Paul Viguier. Nearly doubling the McNay's exhibition space, the Stieren Center includes three separate outdoor sculpture galleries, the first in South Texas.

Beginning June 10, museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 am – 4 pm; Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm; Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; and Sunday, noon – 5 pm. Admission: McNay members – free; Adults -- \$8; Students 13 and under -- \$5; Seniors -- \$5; Active military -- \$5; Children 12 and under – free. The museum will be free to the public every Thursday evening from 4 pm until 9 pm and on the first Sunday of each month.

The McNay is closed on Mondays, New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.