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THE OGDEN MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN ART PRESENTS ITS 9TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL EXHIBITION, *ART OF THE CUP AND TEAPOT SPOTLIGHT*

NEW ORLEANS, LA— The Ogden Museum of Southern Art is pleased to announce the opening of its ninth annual invitational exhibition, *Art of the Cup and Teapot Spotlight*. The exhibition will be on view at the museum starting September 1, 2016. A reception to celebrate its opening is planned for September 15, from 6-8pm during Ogden After Hours, the museum's weekly entertainment series.

Established in 2008, this exhibition continues to celebrate the aesthetic and design freedom that the ceramic medium offers to enhance everyday routine. Traditionally, the exhibition has featured two cups by each selected Southern ceramicist. For the third year, select teapots will also be featured.

This year *Art of the Cup and Teapot Spotlight* will feature 125 cups and 25 teapots created by 50 artists. All cups and teapots exhibited will be for sale with prices ranging from \$25 to \$1,200.

"The Center for Southern Craft and Design is extremely pleased to present this unique exhibition which highlights the diverse methods artisans, representing 10 Southern states, use to blur the boundaries of form and function." – Jane Winslow, Center for Southern Craft and Design

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Located in the vibrant Warehouse Arts District of downtown New Orleans, Louisiana, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art holds the largest collection of Southern art and is recognized for its original exhibitions, public events, and educational programs which examine the development of visual art alongside Southern traditions of music, literature, and culinary heritage to provide a comprehensive story of the South. Established in 1999 and in Stephen Goldring Hall since 2003,

the Museum welcomes almost 80,000 visitors annually, and attracts diverse audiences through its broad range of programming including exhibitions, lectures, film screenings, and concerts which are all part of its mission to broaden the knowledge, understanding, interpretation, and appreciation of the visual arts and culture of the American South.

The Ogden Museum is open Wednesday through Monday from 10AM-5PM and also on Thursdays from 6-8PM for Ogden After Hours. Admission is free to Museum Members and \$13.50 for adults, \$11 for seniors 65 and older, \$7.25 for children ages 5-17 and free for children under 5.

The Ogden Museum is free to Louisiana Residents on Thursdays from 10AM-5PM courtesy of The Helis Foundation. The Helis Foundation is a Louisiana private foundation, established by the William Helis Family. The Art Funds of the Helis Foundation advance access to the arts for the community through contributions that sustain operations for, provide free admission to, acquire works of art, and underwrite major exhibitions and projects of institutions within the Greater New Orleans area.

The Museum is closed Martin Luther King Day, Lundi Gras and Mardi Gras, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and day following, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

The Museum is located at 925 Camp Street, New Orleans Louisiana 70130. For more information visit <u>ogdenmuseum.org</u> or call <u>504-539-9650</u>.