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### **Ancient and Modern Inuit Art on Display at LASM**

BATON ROUGE, LA —*Arctic Spirit: Inuit Art from the Albrecht Collection at the Heard Museum* will be on display at Louisiana Art & Science Museum (LASM) from March 28 through May 31, 2009. The exhibition surveys 2,000 years of the Canadian Inuit culture's rich history of art.

Drawn from one of the most comprehensive collections of Inuit art in the United States, approximately 125 sculptures, textiles, prints and drawings from 30 different villages in Canada's north will be exhibited.

Visitors to *Arctic Spirit* will be treated to an excellent selection of Inuit wall hangings, prints, drawings, sculptures, carved ivories, masks and decorated clothing. The classic themes of Inuit art— family and camp scenes, animals and nature, legends and spirituality, and the Inuit relationship with the harsh Arctic environment—are evident throughout the exhibition. Maps, text panels and photographs will provide background information.

In conjunction with the opening of *Arctic Spirit: Inuit Art from the Albrecht Collection at the Heard Museum*, LASM will present three events. On March 28, at 11:00 AM, Jean Paul de la Houssaye will bring Inuit culture to life through storytelling, a central element in traditional Inuit culture. The performance, enjoyable for adults and children, will be repeated on First Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 PM. Also, during the Fine Art, Fine Wine event on April 3, curator Ingo Hessel will discuss the works on exhibit from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, exhibition . Wine is free with admission.

ExhibitsUSA, the national touring program of Mid-America Arts Alliance, makes *Arctic Spirit: Inuit Art from the Albrecht Collection at the Heard Museum* possible. For more information on LASM and the exhibition, visit [www.lasm.org](http://www.lasm.org) or call 225-344-9478.

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