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WILLIAM JOYCE *Guardian of Childhood*

Now through May 15 at Joslyn Art Museum; Free Admission!

(Omaha, NE) — See art by author, illustrator, and Emmy and Academy Award winner William Joyce (pictured left) in this Mind's Eye Gallery exhibition. Joyce's distinct drawings and imaginative storytelling depict a world full of whimsy, fun,



and adventure — the kind of world a child would want to jump into. Included in this exhibition are original ink, graphite, acrylic, oil, and digital print illustrations for some of Joyce's early books: *George Shrinks*, *A Day with Wilbur Robinson*, *Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family Lazardo*, *The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs*, and others. Also featured are artworks from the more recent animated-short-turned-book *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*, a poignant and humorous story of people who devote their lives to books and books who return the

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William Joyce: Guardian of Childhood at Joslyn Art Museum

favor, and *The Guardians of Childhood* book series which explores mythical creatures – like Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Sandman, the Man in the Moon, and the Tooth Fairy – who watch over children and make childhood magical. Also featured: sample preliminary sketches, a storyboard, concept art for a movie version of a book, covers from three *New Yorker* magazines, and even artworks from Joyce's childhood.

A Joslyn Art Museum Mind's Eye Gallery exhibition, *William Joyce: Guardian of Childhood* is organized by National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (Abilene, TX). Sponsored by Rich and Fran Juro. Additional support provided by David Wiesman and Cynthia Epstein, Wiesman Development. Admission is free.

Exhibition Extras

KickstART Saturday

On **Saturday, February 13, from 10 am to noon**, kids and families are invited to celebrate the work of award-winning author/illustrator, filmmaker, and story pioneer William Joyce at Joslyn's KickstART Saturday. This event is **FREE!**

- Visitors will see examples of Joyce's original art for many of his books, including *The Guardians of Childhood* series
- Celebrate a favorite winter guardian (Jack Frost!). Guests can make their own frosted work of art
- Musician Lori Lynn Ahrends will lead a musical sing-a-long (two performances)
- Joslyn will screen Joyce's animated short film, *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*, awarded Best Animated Short Film at the 84th Academy Awards (screenings throughout the event)

Interactive Digital Media

Visitors to Joslyn's EdTech Gallery (included in free general Museum admission) may try their hand at an interactive storybook app based on Joyce's novel and award-winning short film *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*.

Museum Shop

Books by William Joyce are available for purchase in Joslyn's Hitchcock Museum Shop (open during all regular Museum hours).

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Image Credit (page 1): "But the mermaids knew a way . . ." from *The Sandman*, 2012, digital, © William Joyce

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Our Mission – Joslyn Art Museum collects, preserves, and interprets the visual arts of the highest quality, fostering appreciation and enjoyment of art for the benefit of a diverse audience.

Our Vision – To be cherished and respected as a premier art museum.

Joslyn Art Museum showcases art from ancient times to the present. The Museum was a gift to the people of Omaha from Sarah Joslyn in memory of her husband, George, who made his fortune as president of the Western Newspaper Union. The Museum's original 1931 building is one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation, with 38 types of

marble from seven countries. The Walter and Suzanne Scott Pavilion, a 58,000-square-foot addition built in 1994, was designed by renowned British architect Norman Foster as his first U.S. commission. The Museum features galleries, a 1,000-seat concert hall, fountain court, education technology gallery, lecture hall, classrooms, sculpture garden, café, shop, and Art Works, an interactive space for art exploration (new in 2014).

General Museum Admission: Free (the *William Joyce: Guardian of Childhood* exhibition is included in free general Museum admission).

Regular Museum Hours (includes exhibition): Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am–4 pm; late 'til 8 pm on Thursday; closed Monday and major holidays.

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