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Stark Museum of Art Joins Museums West

ORANGE, Texas, March 9, 2009 – The Stark Museum of Art in Orange, Texas, has recently accepted an invitation to join the outstanding organization Museums West.

Founded in 1991, Museums West is a consortium of independent museums, each nationally renowned for its collection. Together the member institutions of Museums West advance the study, exhibition, publication, and interpretation of the art, history, and cultures of the North American West.

The Stark Museum of Art joins eleven other leading museums, Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, Texas; Autry National Center of the American West, Los Angeles, California; Booth Western Art Museum, Cartersville, Georgia; Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming; Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado; Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, Indianapolis, Indiana; Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska; National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; National Museum of Wildlife Art, Jackson, Wyoming; and Rockwell Museum of Western Art, Corning, New York.

“We are pleased to welcome the Stark Museum of Art as a new member,” said John Vanausdall, President of Museums West and President/CEO of Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art. “We know that the Stark Museum with its excellent western art collection and its strong leadership will be a valued member.”

Sarah Boehme, Director of the Stark Museum of Art, “We are honored to join Museums West. This gives us greater opportunities for collaboration with the major museums in our field.”

Located at 712 Green Avenue in Orange, Texas, the Stark Museum of Art is open to the public at no charge Tuesday through Saturday. Hours are from 10 AM – 5 PM. Group tours are available by appointment. For more information call 409.886.ARTS (2787) or visit www.starkmuseum.org.

Through May 24, 2009, the Stark Museum of Art features the special exhibition *Bluebonnets and Beyond: Julian Onderdonk, American Impressionist*, organized by the Dallas Museum of Art.

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About the Stark Museum of Art

The Stark Museum of Art focuses on the stunning land, the dramatic people and the diverse wildlife of the American West. Paintings, sculpture and prints interpret the West from nineteenth century frontier artists to the twentieth century artistic colonies in New Mexico. Artists include John James Audubon, Frederic Remington, Charles Marion Russell, and Georgia O’Keeffe.

The Museum also features a significant collection of American Indian objects, including baskets, pottery, clothing and weavings. Other permanent collections in the Museum include the complete porcelain American Bird Series by Dorothy Doughty and the only complete series of *The United States in Crystal*, a collection of crystal urns produced by Steuben Glass to depict the 50 states and the Union.

The Stark Museum of Art is a program of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lucher Stark Foundation, a nonprofit organization.

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