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GET YOUR CAN TO THE WORCESTER ART MUSEUM FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

(WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 10, 2005) – The Worcester Art Museum offers free admission for food donations at the 13th annual post-Thanksgiving Food Drive from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25.

Visitors who deliver non-perishable food donations to any of the Museum's entrances on the Friday after Thanksgiving may enjoy free Museum admission that day. All non-perishable food items, such as canned soups and vegetables, boxed pastas and cereals, and paper goods are accepted. All contributions will be given to the Massachusetts Veterans, Inc., the Mustard Seed, and Rachel's Table.

At the Museum, visitors may experience 50 centuries of art displayed in 36 galleries. A special exhibition, *Frontiers: Collecting the Art of Our Time*, marks the first occasion that a significant selection of acquisitions from this growing contemporary collection will be on view. Visitors on Nov. 25 will also have an opportunity to view an exhibition of watercolors, drawings, and photographs made by travelers to Egypt in the 19th century, before it closes on Nov. 27.

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum, which opened to the public in 1898, is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. The works span 5,000 years of art and culture, ranging from ancient Roman mosaics to Colonial silver, Impressionist paintings and contemporary art. Dedicated to the promotion of art and art education, the Museum offers a year-round studio art and art appreciation program that enrolls over 6,000 adult and youth students each year. Public tours are offered Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m., September through May. Audio tours are also available in English and Spanish.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (evening hours sponsored by Commerce Bank), and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and full-time college students with current ID, and FREE for Members and all youth 17 and under. Admission is also FREE for everyone on Saturday mornings, 10 a.m.-noon (sponsored by The TJX Companies, Inc. and Massachusetts Electric, a National Grid Company). The Museum is located at 55 Salisbury St., Worcester, Mass., easily accessible from the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), Route 290 and Route 9. Free parking is available near entrances on Salisbury, Lancaster and Tuckerman streets. For more information, call (508) 799-4406 or visit the Museum web site at www.worcesterart.org.

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