

Tennessee State Museum



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Take in a Free Event and Enjoy the Renoir Exhibit at the Tennessee State Museum

The Tennessee State Museum is pleased to present a diverse array of events and programs in June and May, in conjunction with the current exhibition in the changing gallery, entitled *Strokes of Genius: The Works of Pierre-Auguste & Alexandre Renoir — Art from Private Collection*.

Strokes of Genius: Renoir May Events

On May 3, the Tennessee State Museum will participate in the First Saturday Night Art Crawl along with other downtown galleries. This event takes place from 6-9 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. This will provide art enthusiasts with the opportunity to view the Renoir exhibition and mix & mingle in a festive setting. This event is open to the general public.

Strokes of Genius: Renoir June Events

Alexandre Renoir will return to Nashville in June, where he will be on hand for the final weekend of the *Strokes of Genius* exhibition. He will also attend the following events:

Saturday, June 7- “Petite Fleur” Children’s Workshop

The museum will offer two FREE one-hour sessions: the first one begins at 10:30 a.m. with a second one beginning at 1:30 p.m. Alexandre Renoir will lead a creative painting workshop for young children where the focus will be on painting flowers in an Impressionistic fashion. This workshop is appropriate for grades K-8, but all ages are welcome. Reservations are required and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. One adult must accompany each child or group of children if they all come together. Paints and art supplies will be provided. However, it is recommended that each child bring an apron or cover-up to protect their clothing as they will not be provided. To reserve a space in one of the sessions, please RSVP to Lane Jarrett at 615-253-0114 or Lane.Jarrett@state.tn.us.

Saturday Evening, June 7- “Bonsoir” Art Sale and Reception

A special reception and art sale will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday evening, June 7. Selected artwork from the *Strokes of Genius* exhibition will be available for sale with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Tennessee State Museum Foundation. Attendees will have a chance to personally meet Alexandre and hear about the history of selected works. Museum members and supporters will receive an invitation to the event. Please contact Beth Lekander at 615-741-2539 or Beth.Lekander@state.tn.us if you would like to attend.

Sunday, June 8- “Adieu aux Amis” Closing Reception

For those who still haven’t visited the exhibit or for those who wish to return one more time, there will be a closing reception and artist talk on Sunday, June 8 from 1-4 p.m. Once again,

Alexandre Renoir will be available to share anecdotes about his famous friends and family members. Interested art buyers will have one final opportunity to purchase selected works from the *Strokes of Genius* exhibition. For more information about these events, please visit www.tnmuseum.org.

About the Tennessee State Museum:

In 1937 the Tennessee General Assembly created a state museum to house World War I mementoes and other collections from the state, the Tennessee Historical Society and other groups. This museum was located in the lower level of the War Memorial Building until it was moved into the new James K. Polk Center in 1981. The Tennessee State Museum currently occupies three floors, covering approximately 120,000 square feet with more than 60,000 square feet devoted to exhibits.

For more information please visit: www.tnmuseum.org

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Above: *Paysage à Cagnes* by Pierre-Auguste Renoir (1841-1919), oil on canvas laid on panel, 2 5/8 by 5 1/2 inches, 1895



Right: *Blue Vase with Flowers* by Alexandre Renoir, oil on canvas, 24 by 20 inches, 2008



Far Right: *Sara Smiling*, Mary Cassatt, Drypoint on heavy wove paper, circa 1904