

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

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The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum has joined with the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families for the second year of the Blue Star Museums program, which provides free admission to active duty military personnel and their families between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Last summer the program was a huge success. 919 museums – from fine arts museums to science and nature centers to historical houses – joined the Blue Star Museums Honor Roll, welcoming more than 250,000 active duty military personnel and their families. Participating museums often noted the benefits of reaching out to this audience. Blue Star Museums also received substantial media attention, through hundreds of stories in national and local broadcast, print, and online media. Participating military families praised Blue Star Museums as a welcome respite from their daily cares, and a welcome gesture of appreciation from the arts community.

....the more than 900 museums that participated helped to make this a summer to remember for so many military moms, dads, and kids. Service members and their families give so much to our country each day, and it is an inspiration to see so many organizations and individuals giving something back for their courageous service.

First Lady Michelle Obama

Over a million Americans have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, over 900,000 children have said goodbye to a parent at least once since the fighting began, many have endured 2, 3, 4 or more deployments. These families often feel that their sacrifices may seem to go unnoticed. The Blue Star Museum program says to our nation's military families that the art community recognizes and honors their contribution, by opening the doors to our nation's art treasures to those who have been serving so long and so faithfully. Blue Star Families

This year, Blue Star Museums will begin on Memorial Day, May 30, 2011 and extend through Labor Day, September 5, 2011.

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum:

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is dedicated to perpetuating the artistic legacy of Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986) and to the study and interpretation of American Modernism (late nineteenth century-present). Located in Santa Fe, NM, the Museum's collections, exhibits, research center, publications and education programs contribute to scholarly discourse and serve diverse audiences. The largest single repository of the artist's work in the world, the Museum's collection includes a wide range of O'Keeffe paintings, drawings and sculptures. It is the only museum in the world dedicated to an internationally known American woman artist and is the most visited art museum in New Mexico.

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