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Smithsonian American Art Museum to Offer Early Public Hours for Norman Rockwell Exhibition during Holidays

The Smithsonian American Art Museum will open early on select days for its current exhibition, “Telling Stories: Norman Rockwell from the Collections of George Lucas and Steven Spielberg,” Friday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 28, and again Sunday, Dec. 26, through Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011. On these days the first floor of the museum, the museum store and the Courtyard Café will open to the public at 10 a.m.; the second and third floors of the building will open as usual at 11:30 a.m. All other days the museum will operate on its normal schedule of 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The museum is closed Dec. 25.

“Telling Stories” is the first major exhibition to explore in-depth the connections between Norman Rockwell’s iconic images of American life and the movies. The exhibition includes 57 works from the collections of Lucas and Spielberg and features a 12-minute film with commentary from the filmmakers and the exhibition’s curator, Virginia Mecklenburg. The exhibition catalog is available in the museum store for \$65 (hardcover) or \$35.95 (softcover). The last day to see the Rockwell exhibition is Jan. 2, 2011.

About the Smithsonian American Art Museum

The Smithsonian American Art Museum celebrates the vision and creativity of Americans with approximately 42,000 artworks in all media spanning more than three centuries. Its National Historic Landmark building is located at Eighth and F streets N.W., above the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metrorail station. Museum hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, except Dec. 25. Admission is free. Follow the museum on Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, ArtBabble, iTunes and YouTube. Museum information (recorded): (202) 633-7970. Smithsonian Information: (202) 633-1000; (202) 633-5285 (TTY). Website: americanart.si.edu.

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