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EXHIBITION: ***Expanding the Legacy: Kresge Art Museum Collects, 2000-2003***

DATES: **September 2 - October 26, 2003**

OPENING RECEPTION: **Sunday, September 7, 2003 2-5 p.m.**
April Kingsley, Curator, will speak at 3 p.m.

LOCATION: **Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.**

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Expanding the Legacy from Old Masters to Contemporary Artists

E. LANSING, MICH. --- From September 2 through October 26, 2003 Kresge Art Museum presents *Expanding the Legacy: Kresge Art Museum Collects, 2000-2003.* In the first three years of the millennium, the Kresge Art Museum acquired 330 works of art by donation or purchase. Over 120 works of art will be on view. This exhibition is made possible with the generous support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The exhibition will feature five old master paintings and 16 old master prints and drawings; 31 modern and contemporary paintings, and 35 modern and contemporary prints and drawings; nine sculptures; and 23 photographs. Among these significant acquisitions include an elaborate 18th century Spanish Colonial painting of the Virgin Mary, an etching by Marcel Duchamp of *The Large Glass*, two drawings by Frederick Frieseke, an American Impressionist from Michigan, a photograph by William Wegman of his dog Man Ray in boots, a delicate yet zany watercolor by Chicagoan Gladys Nilsson, an etching by Angelica Kauffmann, a drawing and sculpture by Detroit artist Tyree Guyton of the Heidelberg Project fame, and a landscape painting by Charles Francois Daubigny, the French Barbizan school leader. Photographs and works of art from the Figurative Expressionist and Pattern and Decoration movements will also be on view to demonstrate several new collection initiatives at Kresge Art Museum. This exhibition marks the first time most of these works of art have been on display.

On Sunday, September 7 at 3 p.m. at the opening reception, April Kingsley curator, at Kresge Art Museum, will give a talk about highlights from this exhibition. This talk and the opening reception are open to the public and free of charge. For a listing of public programs related to this exhibition and a preview of *Expanding the Legacy: Kresge Art Museum Collects, 2000-2003* please visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

Kresge Art Museum is located on the campus of Michigan State University at Auditorium and Physics Roads in the Kresge Art Center. Admission is free to Kresge Art Museum and many of its public programs. The museum is open Monday- Friday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Thursdays until 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon- 5 p.m. For additional information call 517/355-7631 or visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

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