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EXHIBITION: Iconic Images: New Photography Acquisitions

DATES: November 7–December 14, 2007

LOCATION: Works on Paper Gallery
The Art Museum at MSU, Kresge Art Center,
Michigan State University Campus, East Lansing, MI

Iconic Images promises a peek at recent additions to the Art Museum at MSU’s photography collection

The museum’s photography collection continues to expand with iconic examples by several of the most significant photographers from the 19th century through the present, including Peter Henry Emerson, Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Weston, George Tice, Barbara Morgan and Yousuf Karsh.

Each photographer made hundreds of images, many of them approaching or achieving greatness. But only a few — sometimes even only one — image is what you think of when you see or hear that artist’s name. For Peter Henry Emerson, the 19th century “Father of Modern Photography,” it is a man in a boat on a pond with the focus blurring slightly on the periphery as it does in vision. With Edward Weston, the curving shell that looks like a Brancusi sculpture, the glistening “muscular” green pepper or the sliced half of an artichoke spring immediately to mind, followed by dunes “drawn” with crisp black shadows. Barbara Morgan is best known for her photographs of dancers, such as this one of Martha Graham and Yousuf Karsh signature portrait is that of Winston Churchill, but our Georgia O’Keefe is a close runner up. Approximately 20 acquisitions from the past three years are on view.

The Art Museum at MSU is located in Kresge Art Center, at the intersection of Physics and Auditorium Roads between the Alumni Chapel and the MSU Auditorium on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 10 to 5 p.m., Thursday until 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum is closed November 22-25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. For additional information, call (517) 355-7631 or visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

Editor’s Note: High-resolution images from Iconic Images are available upon request for publicity purposes.

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