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## *Temples and Tombs: Treasures of Egyptian Art from The British Museum*

**Exhibition title:** *Temples and Tombs: Treasures of Egyptian Art from The British Museum*

**Dates:** April 15, 2007–July 8, 2007

**Tickets:** \$10 general admission  
\$8 students, seniors, groups of 10 or more  
Free for Members and children 5 and under

Tickets can be purchased from the Museum Box Office by calling (919) 715-5923 Tuesday–Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased via the Museum’s Web site at [www.ncartmuseum.org](http://www.ncartmuseum.org).

**Resources available:** An illustrated color catalogue of the exhibition is available for \$29.95 (paperback) in the Museum Store and the *Temples and Tombs* Exhibition Store.

A family activity guide produced by American Federation of Arts will be available at the Egyptian Park Festival held in conjunction with the exhibition (see programming information below).

An additional take-home family gallery guide, produced by the NCMA with funding provided by SunCom Wireless, provides an introduction to Egyptian culture and the themes of the exhibition.

Large-print label copy and Spanish label copy is available at the exhibition entrance.

**Description:** *Temples and Tombs: Treasures of Egyptian Art from The British Museum* features 85 Egyptian masterpieces drawn from The British Museum, home to the world’s largest collection of Egyptian antiquities outside of Egypt. The exhibition includes sculpture, relief, papyri, jewelry, cosmetic implements, and funerary items, which provide a rare look at more than 3,000 years of Egyptian history. *Temples and Tombs* explores four distinct themes: the King and the Temple; Objects from the Lives of Artists and Nobles; Statues of Egyptians from Temples and Tombs; and the Tomb, Death, and the Afterlife. The four thematic divisions of the exhibition allow for a specific examination of these masterworks in the context of the Egyptian temporal and cosmic worldview.

**Organizers:** Organized by the **American Federation of Arts** and **The British Museum**. This exhibition is made possible, in part, by the Philip and Janice Levin Foundation Fund for Collection-Based Exhibitions at the American Federation of Arts. In Raleigh the exhibition is also made possible, in part, by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and the North Carolina Museum of Art Foundation, Inc.

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## **NCMA Organizing**

### **curators:**

Mary Ellen Soles, curator of ancient art  
Caroline Rocheleau, curatorial research fellow in Egyptian art

## **NCMA**

### **sponsors:**

*Temples and Tombs* is made possible by: WTVD-TV/ABC-11, SunCom Wireless, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, IBM

Additional support: Centex Construction, Barnhill Contracting, Highwoods Properties, MeadWestVaco Corporation

### **Exhibition venues:**

Oklahoma City Museum of Art, September 7–November 26, 2006  
Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, Jacksonville, Fla., December 22, 2006–March 18, 2007  
North Carolina Museum of Art, April 15–July 8, 2007  
Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, November 15, 2007–February 10, 2008  
Fresno Metropolitan Museum of Art, History and Science, March 7–June 1, 2008

### **Media preview:**

A media preview of the exhibition will take place Thursday, April 12, 2007. For more information call Jennifer Bahus at (919) 664-6772.

### **Museum services:**

#### **Dining**

##### Blue Ridge, the Museum Restaurant

During *Temples and Tombs*, Blue Ridge, the Museum's full-service restaurant, will be open Tuesday–Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; Friday, also 5:30 p.m.–10 p.m. (last seating at 8:30 p.m.); and Sunday, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Reservations recommended; call (919) 664-6838.

#### **Shopping**

##### The Museum Store and the *Temples and Tombs* Exhibition Store

In addition to the original Museum Store, the Museum offers a special exhibition-related shop with unique books, art prints, and more.

### **Programming:**

#### **Group tours**

For school or adult group tours only, contact Angela Faulk, tour coordinator, at (919) 664-6820 or [afaulk@ncmamil.dcr.state.nc.us](mailto:afaulk@ncmamil.dcr.state.nc.us). For group tours with a meal or other service, contact Connie Pope at (919) 664-6841 or [cpope@ncmamil.dcr.state.nc.us](mailto:cpope@ncmamil.dcr.state.nc.us).

#### **Lectures**

##### *Understanding Temples and Tombs*

Nigel Strudwick, Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan, The British Museum  
Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m.  
Museum Auditorium, Free

##### *An Egyptologist in Hollywood*

Stuart Smith, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m.  
Museum Auditorium, Free

The Dirty Life of an Archaeologist  
Caroline Rocheleau, curatorial research fellow in Egyptian art, NCMA  
Sunday, June 3, 2 p.m.  
Museum Auditorium, Free

What's Wrong with this Picture?

This lecture and film series focuses on the misinterpretation of ancient Egypt through Hollywood movies. Each lecture begins with a film screening followed by open discussion. Funded by MeadWestVaco  
Museum Auditorium, \$3 (Free for Museum members)

*Land of the Pharaohs* (1955)  
Friday, April 27, 8 p.m.

*The Mummy* (1999)  
Friday, May 11, 8 p.m.

*The Prince of Egypt* (Disney, 1998)  
Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.

**For families**

An Evening in Egypt

Friday, April 13, 2007, 5–9 p.m.  
NCMA Park, Free

This fun, family-centered festival celebrates the opening of *Temples and Tombs* and the beginning of spring in the Park with food, music, dance, and a free sneak preview of the exhibition. A free *Temples and Tombs* activity guide produced by the AFA will be available.

Children's Performance

*Cinderella on the Nile* (Grades K–7)

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

\$3 (Free for Family-level members and above)

Rags to Riches Theatre for Young Audiences presents a witty version of an ancient Egyptian true story that inspired the popular fairy tale.

**Video theater**

Eternal Egypt Virtual Experience

March 15–July 8

IBM presents stunning virtual recreations of the Great Pyramid, Luxor Temple, and Tutankhamun's Tomb.

**Museum  
hours:**

The Museum is open Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.;  
Friday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

The Museum is closed to the public on Mondays.

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