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North Carolina Museum of Art Receives Grant from Duke Energy to Fund Student Tours of *Ansel Adams: Masterworks*

Raleigh, N.C.—The North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) has received a grant from Duke Energy to fund student tours of the Museum’s special exhibition [Ansel Adams: Masterworks](#). Students participating in these docent-led tours will gain access to the iconic images and will be invited to explore 20th-century photography, America’s natural wonders, and how Ansel Adams responded to these remarkable sites. The grant is part of Duke Energy’s presenting sponsorship of the exhibition.

“The Museum is dedicated to supporting K–12 students’ interdisciplinary exploration of visual art and the artists who create it,” says Beth Shaw McGuire, the NCMA’s coordinator of tours and docent programs. “With this generous grant from Duke Energy, we can invite students from select schools across the state to explore the many choices that Adams made as a photographer, environmentalist, and educator, and how he was influenced by science, technology, and a deep understanding of the natural world. Students who come for a guided tour will experience activities that ask them to examine and analyze these remarkably detailed images and to create their own responses to take home.”

With support from Duke Energy, transportation will be provided for 10 or more groups of K–12, college, and university students from select North Carolina counties. The students will participate in docent-led tours of the exhibition, which features 48 iconic images of American landscapes by Ansel Adams. These interactive tours will help them examine Adams’s images from a variety of perspectives, including artistic, geographical, and scientific. Students will analyze how Adams used gelatin-silver prints to capture the special characteristics of each place and the choices he made to emphasize them.

Funds for additional security will enable the staff to schedule groups for early morning visits or to open the galleries for visits on a Monday, when the Museum is closed to the public.

“The arts culture touches every corner of our state and builds vibrant and rich communities for the future,” says David Fountain, Duke Energy’s North Carolina president. “We are proud to support this program for students across North Carolina, so they can experience the inspiring work of Ansel Adams.”

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About the North Carolina Museum of Art

The North Carolina Museum of Art's permanent collection spans more than 5,000 years, from ancient Egypt to the present, making the institution one of the premier art museums in the South. The Museum's collection provides educational, aesthetic, intellectual, and cultural experiences for the citizens of North Carolina and beyond. The 164-acre Museum Park showcases the connection between art and nature through site-specific works of environmental art. The Museum offers changing national touring exhibitions, classes, lectures, family activities, films, and concerts.

The Museum opened West Building, home to the permanent collection, in 2010. The North Carolina Museum of Art, Lawrence J. Wheeler, director, is located at 2110 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh. It is the art museum of the State of North Carolina, Roy Cooper, governor, and an agency of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Susi Hamilton, secretary.

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