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UMAINE MUSEUM OF ART ANNOUNCES FREE ADMISSION IN 2010

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(Bangor, ME) As the holiday season commences, The University of Maine Museum of Art announces a wonderful gift to the community and region — another year of free admission.

Through the generosity of Machias Savings Bank the Museum of Art will continue to open its doors for all individuals and groups to enjoy the Museum in 2010 without charge. This is an extension of the bank's gift of free admission in 2008, in memory of the late UMMA benefactor Edward "Ted" Leonard III.

"Machias Savings Bank lost a good friend three years ago, Attorney Edward "Ted" Leonard. We wanted to do something special in his memory. Knowing Ted was a big supporter of the University of Maine Museum of Art we felt it was extremely worthwhile to make a contribution in his memory. We worked with the Museum so that our donation could be used to provide free admission for visitors as Ted wanted many people to visit the Museum. We are pleased that we are able to make our third donation in his name and continue to offer free admission to the public." said Ed Hennessey, President of Machias Savings Bank.

As a result of the Machias Savings Bank's sponsorship, the Museum has seen a 56% increase in attendance. In addition, many are first-time visitors. "We are so appreciative of Machias Savings Bank's ongoing support. Through this gift we are able to provide the community and region access to the permanent collection, changing exhibitions and an exciting array of educational programs", says UMMA Director George Kinghorn. "We would certainly not have seen such positive attendance numbers and so many new faces coming through our doors, without the support of Machias Savings Bank."

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Free Admission for 2010



in honor of Ted Leonard