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Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft will host The Moth StorySLAM

Louisville, KY - (October 8, 2012) - The Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft (KMAC), <u>715 W. Main</u> <u>Street</u>, will host The Moth StorySLAM in conjunction with the current exhibit <u>Storytelling as Craft:</u> <u>Chapter One</u> on Thursday, October 18. Doors open at 7pm and the storytelling begins at 8pm. Admission is \$8, free for museum members. WFPL's Gabe Bullard will host the evening.

Verbal storytelling is a component to the visual storytelling that is exhibited throughout the museum and by having non-professional storytellers share the same stage as professional artists, each using 'the story' as an art form, makes for an interesting juxtaposition.

The Theme for this evening is: MUSE. Throughout history, artists have been inspired by influential individuals in their lives, motivating them to create their best work. Now it's your turn. What is your interpretation of this word and more importantly - how will you TELL it? This is an open-mic event where anybody can sign up to tell a story. Between 7 and 8pm, place your name in the hat and 10 storytellers will be chosen at random to present on the stage. Three teams of judges will also be randomly chosen from the audience. They will give each story a score and help determine the winner at the end of the night. Storytelling tips are available on The Moth's website: <u>themoth.org/tell-a-story/storytelling-tips</u>. Event information can also be found on <u>KMAC's Facebook page</u>.



The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organization dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling, and a recipient of a 2012 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation MacArthur Award for Creative & Effective Institutions (MACEI). Through its ongoing programs-The Moth Mainstage, The Moth StorySLAMs, MothSHOP Community

Education Program and MothSHOP Corporate-The Moth has presented more than three thousand stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded more than 15 million times a year, and the seventh season of the Peabody Award-winning The Moth Radio Hour, produced by Jay Allison and presented by PRX, The Public Radio Exchange, premiers this fall. <u>themoth.org</u>

Regular Moth StorySLAMs are held at Headliners Music Hall in Louisville on the last Tuesday of every month at 8pm. More info is at themoth.org/events.

About the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft

The Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft is located at 715 West Main Street in downtown Louisville and provides a platform to explore materials, techniques, and artistic expression. The Museum's goal is to educate and inspire while promoting a better understanding of art and craft through exhibitions, collaborations, outreach and the permanent collection. The Museum forges alliances within Kentucky, regionally, nationally, and internationally in order to participate in a broader conversation about art and its role in society. For more information, visit <u>www.kentuckyarts.org</u> or call (502) 589-0102. Museum hours are Tues.-Thurs. 10am-5pm, Sat.-Sun. 11am-5pm. The museum is closed on Mondays.

KMAC currently presents Storytelling As Craft, Chapter One, on view through November 11, 2012.



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