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Museum of Russian Icons Receives Mass Humanities Grant

July 10, 2017 (CLINTON, MA)—The Museum of Russian Icons has received a \$7,500 grant from Mass Humanities to revise and enhance the Museum’s audio guide and app content. The grant will allow the Museum to research and write new content about the collection and will fund professional fees for voice talent, sound editing, and translation to Russian, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. Wendy Salmond, Professor of Art and Art History at Chapman University in California and a specialist in Russian art, will serve as the humanities scholar advisor to the project. The grant period runs from July 15, 2017, to June 30, 2018, and will be matched by the Museum through cost sharing. While some of the current audio content will be retained, the grant allows the Museum to expand the audio guide and provide a greater depth of information.

The Museum’s Deputy Director, Tara Young said, “While we have a lot of great audio content now, it was built up gradually over our 10 year history and, as a result, isn’t cohesive as it should be. It also doesn’t reflect many new acquisition or new scholarship that’s been done on the collection. This generous grant from Mass Humanities will allow us to include information about recent acquisitions and new scholarship, and to add music and video to the app. The project will significantly enrich the educational experience at the Museum and even beyond.”



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More about the Museum of Russian Icons

The Museum of Russian Icons inspires the appreciation and study of Russian culture by collecting and exhibiting icons and related objects; igniting the interest of national and international audiences; and offering interactive educational programs. The Museum serves as a leading center for research and scholarship through the Center for Icon Studies and other institutional collaborations. It is the only museum in the US dedicated to Russian icons, and it is the largest collection of icons outside of Russia.

Museum hours: Tue. - Fri., 11AM to 4PM, first Thurs of the month to 8PM, Saturday and Sunday 11AM to 5PM, closed Mondays. Admission: Adults \$10, seniors (59+) \$7, Students \$5, Children (3-7) \$5, Children under 3 Free. For more information please visit www.museumofrussianicons.org.