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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
"Second Saturday Family Arts Day"
Winter Wonders
Saturday, December 8, 2007 2-4pm

Join the Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art as they celebrate **Winter Wonders** at ***Second Saturday Family Arts Day!*** Saturday, December 8, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. This Saturday's presenters will include ***"Dances for the Season" with Trinity Youth Ballet*** from 2:00-2:45pm in the Performance Rotunda, ***Holiday Tales with North Coast Storyteller Dan O'Gara*** from 3:00-3:45pm in the Performance Rotunda, ***Pet Portraits in the style of Henri Matisse*** with Lindsay Coats from 2-4pm in the Youth Classroom, and a special visit from ***Santa Claus!***

"Dances for the Season" with Trinity Youth Ballet

Trinity Youth Ballet is the outreach performing group of Trinity Ballet Academy in McKinleyville. Its mission is to enrich the cultural environment of the community through dance while the students also develop their performance skills. Trinity Youth Ballet performs at schools, senior centers, churches and community events. Director Greta Leverett has over 20 years background as a teacher, performer, and choreographer. Prior to moving to Humboldt County in 1998 with her husband and children, she taught and danced with Anaheim Ballet of Southern California. Earlier in her career she danced with the Los Angeles Ballet. Mrs. Leverett trains student ages 3 ½ to adult and offers a full ballet curriculum at Trinity Ballet Academy. For more information call (707) 839-1816.

Holiday Tales with the North Coast Storyteller Dan O'Gara

Dan O'Gara learned many of his tales when teaching school in Colombia, South America, near the Andean Mountain town of Cali, and later within the rainforest region of the Magdalena River Basin. Most of his jungle tales, however, come from the Island of Sumatra, Indonesia, where meeting forest people and encountering exotic animals were frequent but always cherished experiences. He completed his teaching career in the coastal redwood region of Northern California where he has continued to collect and share stories. Dan brings a bag full of participation-stories for all ages and a treasury of tales from many lands and cultures. His Irish stories come mainly from Counties Mayo, Donegal, and Sligo. In Sligo, centuries ago, the O'Garas built Moygara Castle on the shore of Lough Gara. While he has many Irish tales in his repertoire of favorites, near to his heart are the legends and mysteries from his home on the North Coast of California. Dan has presented hundreds of programs at festivals, conferences, classrooms, and campfires. He is a member of the National Storytelling Network, and the founder of the Storytelling Festival by the Sea which is held annually near Trinidad, California, at Patrick's Point State Park. Dan is the recipient of Humboldt County's Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Pet Portraits in the style of Henri Matisse

Henri Matisse was born in France in 1869. His father sold seeds and grain and his mother was a dressmaker. At the age of 20 Henri was studying to be a lawyer when he became very ill. He had to have surgery and was bedridden. Henri was very bored just lying around so his mother gave him a box of paints and brushes so he would have something to do. When he recovered he did not want to go back to law school, instead he went straight to art school! Art critics thought Henri and his friends painted like "Fauves" (a French word for wild beasts) because they used bold bright and unusual colors. He loved to travel and explore other countries and often was influenced by those cultures and their folk art. He died in 1954 he was 85! Critics thought the "Fauvists" would never be successful artists, but they were wrong. Henri Matisse worked on his art for over 60 years and became one of the greatest artists of all time! www.kinderart.com/arhistory/meetmatisse.

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Family Arts Day is every second Saturday of the month. To be a presenter or for more information about Family Arts Day contact Rebecca Froehlich at 707.442.0278, ext. 201. The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St., Eureka, Ca.

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