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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) Celebrates Cuban Art and History**

Daytona Beach, FL (April xx, 2015) – In celebration of the launch of the new 2015 hard cover book, *Cuba: A History in Art*, the Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) will host an educational day with a spotlight on Cuban art and history on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. The Museum will be joined by Gary R. Libby, director emeritus of the Museum of Arts & Sciences and author of *Cuba: A History in Art*, for an afternoon cultural program that will take place from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Root Auditorium. Those in attendance will be treated to a brief illustrated intro to the book as well as the Batista family and their connection to Daytona Beach. There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A session. A book signing in Root Hall will follow the presentation. Admittance to this program is free for MOAS Members or is included with general museum admission.

The revised edition of *Cuba: A History in Art*, published by the University Press of Florida, features essays by renowned art historians, Gary Libby and Juan Martinez that provide a historical, social and cultural overview of Cuban art, featuring paintings from the Cuban Foundation Museum at MOAS. The original edition was published in 1997.

#### **About the Author**

Gary R. Libby is a member of the Cuban Foundation and director emeritus of the Museum of Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach, Florida where he served as director for 27 years. He is a former assistant professor in art history at Stetson University and received his undergraduate degrees from the University of Florida and graduate degrees from Tulane University in New Orleans and the University of Florida. Libby is past president of the Florida Art Museum Directors Association (FAMDA) and former Secretary of the Florida Association of Museums (FAM) who gave him their Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998. His other books include *Two Centuries of Cuban Art: 1759-1959*, *Reflections: Paintings of Florida 1865-1965* and *Reflections II: Watercolors of Florida 1835-2000*.

#### **About the Cuban Foundation Museum**

The Cuban Foundation Museum, located at the Museum of Arts & Sciences, is home to one of the most important collections of Cuban fine and folk art outside of Cuba. The collection chronicles 300 years of Cuban history and art in more than 200 objects. The primary goal of the Cuban Foundation Museum is to give visitors a rare glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of Cuba through artworks ranging from the Spanish Colonial period to modern times. MOAS shares these cultural treasures with the general public through the Cuban Foundation Museum in an attempt to foster a better understanding of Cuban history and tradition.

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**About the Museum of Arts & Sciences** - The Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) is the primary **art, science and history museum in Central Florida**. The area's largest museum, MOAS is nationally accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate. Located on a 90-acre Florida nature preserve, the 100,000 square foot facility is host to over 30,000 objects including the Dow Gallery of American Art, one of the finest collections of American art in the Southeast, the Cuban Foundation Museum showcasing one of the most significant collections of Cuban paintings

in the United States, the Schulte Gallery of Chinese Art, the Bouchelle Collection and Gallery of Decorative Arts, the largest and most comprehensive collection in the South, and the Root Family Museum featuring restored railroad cars, antique automobiles and the largest collection of Coca-Cola® memorabilia in Florida. The Helene B. Roberson Visible Storage Building exhibits thousands of objects from many donors which are owned by the Museum, while the Linda and Williams Children's Museum presents an interactive experience for children. The Gillespy Gallery of Sub-Saharan African artifacts, a new state-of-the-art planetarium and the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art showcasing the largest collection of Florida-based art in the world, rounds out areas to explore inside the Museum of Arts & Sciences.

Museum Hours are 10am-5pm (Monday-Saturday) and 11am-5pm (Sunday). Museum of Arts & Sciences admission is \$12.95 adults; \$6.95 children 6-17; \$10.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Daily Planetarium shows and weekly laser shows. Museum of Arts & Sciences admission includes one Planetarium show. Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art admission is \$10.95 adults; \$4.95 children 6-17; \$8.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission is \$18.95 adults; \$9.95 children 6-17; \$16.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission includes one Planetarium show. Additional Planetarium shows are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 17 and under. Parking is free. Admission is FREE for Volusia County residents the first Tuesday of each month (does not include Planetarium shows). MOAS is fully accessible to the handicapped. MOAS is located at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. For more information call 386.255.0285 or visit the website [www.moas.org](http://www.moas.org).

*MOAS is a not-for-profit educational institution founded in 1955 and chartered by the State of Florida in 1962. The Museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Programs sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the County of Volusia.*

*Exhibits and dates subject to change.*