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## UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH ART GALLERY TO HOST TWO SPRING EVENTS – FAMILY DAY & DRAWING PROGRAM

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (March 16, 2015) – The Art Gallery at the University of Saint Joseph will host two interactive events this spring. The first, **Family Day**, will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. The second event, **SET IN PLACE: Drawing with Scott Nikola**, will take place on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The fee for this program is \$15 (\$10 for museum members). The Art Gallery is located in the Bruyette Athenaeum on the University's main campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, Conn.

Family Day at the Art Gallery will be offered in conjunction with the current exhibition, *A Night at the Opera: Caricatures by Enrico Caruso*, featuring caricatures drawn by the operatic tenor during the early 1900s. Also displayed will be story illustrations from books and early 20<sup>th</sup> century magazines. FAMILY Day will feature a variety of activities inspired by the works of art on view. Activity stations will include free caricatures, bookmaking, a matching game, magnetic storytelling, and a seek-and-find in the Art Gallery. This event is co-sponsored by the Art Gallery and USJ's School for Young Children, a nationally accredited preschool program located one block from campus.

SET IN PLACE, a program of drawing in the Art Gallery, will explore techniques for rendering landscape. Led by artist Scott Nikola, participants will look at selected pieces of artwork from the collection of the Art Gallery, University of Saint Joseph and compose their own landscape compositions. Participants should bring compressed charcoal and/or pencils and a 16x22 inch pad of charcoal drawing paper. Weather permitting, part of this class may take place outdoors. Class fee is \$15 (\$10 for museum members) and advance registration is required. To reserve your place, please contact Rochelle Oakley ([roakley@usj.edu](mailto:roakley@usj.edu) or 860.231.5743). This program is part of the Connecticut Art Trail's *Ready, Set, Draw!* Program.

*A Night at the Opera: Caricatures by Enrico Caruso* will be on view through June 7<sup>th</sup>. **The Art Gallery is open** Tuesday – Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; closed Monday. Admission to the Art Gallery is free.

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