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BMA BIDS FAREWELL TO FREE FIRST THURSDAY NIGHTS

BALTIMORE, MD (April 16, 2007) —The Baltimore Museum of Art today announced that the final Free First Thursday evening event will take place on Thursday, May 3.

Since its inception in 1995, this popular free admission program has offered extended evening hours and special programs attended by well over 100,000 visitors. Its success was instrumental in building support for the BMA's free admission year-round. Now that the Museum offers free admission every day for everyone, plans are being made to launch a new after-hours initiative in spring 2008

The BMA First Thursday Film Series will continue with screenings and discussions of new and rare films at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. Upcoming films are *The Seventh Continent* (1989) by Michael Haneke on May 3, and *Secret Ceremony* (1968) by Joseph Losey on June 7.

Visit www.artbma.org for updates on the film series, and sign up for BMA eNews to learn about the new after-hours program debuting in spring 2008!

DATE: Thursday, May 2, 2007

TIME: Extended evening hours, 5-8 p.m.

OVERVIEW: The last Free First Thursday event will include special collection tours and a screening and discussion of Michael Haneke's film *The Seventh Continent* (1989), a disquieting drama of postmodern alienation. (German with English subtitles, 104 min. 35mm.)

INFO: First Thursday Nights: 443-573-1832
Museum Information: 443-573-1700
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