

# Glenbow Museum

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## **Enjoy a late night in Paris at Glenbow Museum!**

**Calgary, AB (January 24, 2005)** – Due to strong public interest *Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession* at Glenbow Museum will be open until midnight on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Calgarians will be able to enjoy a late night in Paris by exploring the works of nineteenth century French sculptor, Auguste Rodin, regarded by many as the greatest European sculptor since Michelangelo. The exhibition closes to the public at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 30, 2005.

Nearly 30,000 visitors to date have rediscovered the genius of this artist known as the father of modern sculpture. President and chief executive officer Mike Robinson hopes that Calgarians realize the rare opportunity they've had to see such a significant international exhibition. "Glenbow has decided to keep Rodin open until midnight on Saturday, January 29 to give Calgarians an extended last chance to see or revisit the master. Mr. Robinson invites Calgarians to "come down to the cultural district for dinner and have a final visit with the great man – don't be absinthe!" he adds.

Boldly redefining and even defying tradition, Rodin expressed the vitality of the human spirit, capturing movement and depth of emotion. *Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession, Sculpture from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation* features many of the artist's well-known and beloved works including *The Thinker*, *The Kiss*, and *The Age of Bronze* and includes studies for many of his major monuments such as *The Burghers of Calais*, *The Gates of Hell*, and *The Monument to Balzac*. Many people are familiar with Rodin's famous sculptures, but the breadth of works in this exhibition allows visitors to explore the major projects the artist undertook during his prolific career. This exhibition is drawn from the Cantor Foundation in Los Angeles, widely acknowledged to be the world's largest private collection of Rodin sculptures.

*Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession* will travel to two other Canadian cities after its closing at Glenbow; the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia in Halifax from February 26 to May 22, 2005 and then on to the Vancouver Art Gallery from June 18 to September 18, 2005.

Following the closing of the Rodin exhibition, Glenbow Museum invites Calgarians to celebrate the province's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a journey down Alberta's lifeline, the Bow River. *Our River: Journey of the Bow* on from February 19 to June 5, 2005 will explore the importance of water as a critical topic of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Glenbow Museum's regular gallery hours are every day from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m., and until 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Call 403-268-4100 for 24-hour information including admission prices, programs, and parking details.

Glenbow Museum is Western Canada's largest museum and is also one of Canada's most entrepreneurial top ten museums. Through a variety of dynamic and changing exhibitions and programs and a broad collection of artifacts, art, and historical documents, Glenbow Museum builds on a commitment to preserve western heritage while simultaneously providing visitors with a glimpse of the world beyond.

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