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**The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens Presents *The Age of Armor:  
Treasures from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum***  
*Exhibition will open October 21, 2022*

**October 12, 2022 — JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — The newest exhibition at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, *The Age of Armor: Treasures from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum*, will open on Friday, October 21, 2022. The exhibition will be on view to the public through Sunday, January 22, 2023.

This exhibition celebrates the extraordinary and heroic history of armor. Armor is as old as civilization and has taken many forms and purposes. The idea of the knight in shining armor crosses cultures and can be found in fairy tales, films and computer games. Visitors to the Museum will have the opportunity to view nearly 100 objects from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum that explore the reality behind the myth, and its cultural role symbolizing personal identity and social prestige.

"Museums are special places that allow visitors to explore a variety of eras and, in a sense, time travel. *The Age of Armor* provides an awe-inspiring glimpse into a world that resonates with myths that spark the imagination," said Dr. Andrea Barnwell Brownlee, the George W. and Kathleen I. Gibbs Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Museum. "This special exhibition from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum will allow our community to step back in time and experience expert craftsmanship and explore the most exceptional European arms and armor in existence."

The classic knightly suit of plate armor was exclusively used in Europe, and only for about 300 years, from the mid-1300s to the mid-1600s — a short time in the span of human history. The exhibition provides visitors a window into how armor came into being, its evolution over time, the methods by which it was made and used,

factors contributing to its disappearance, and its enduring traces in our cultural memory.

*The Age of Armor: Treasures from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum* is organized by the Worcester Art Museum.

Philanthropic support from the community is critical for the Museum to serve as a vibrant civic resource. Support for *The Age of Armor: Treasures from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum* has been generously provided by the City of Jacksonville, the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, Lory Doolittle, Ronald and Karen Rettner, the State of Florida, The Robert D. Davis Family Endowment, The Schultz Family Endowment, the Director's Circle Donors at the Cummer Museum, The Winston Family Foundation and the Van Vleck Family.

To register for programming, visit [cummermuseum.org/events](http://cummermuseum.org/events).

### **Highlighted related programming:**

#### **Artist Meet & Greet With Demonstration – Princess Simpson Rashid**

October 21 | 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Free with museum admission

#### **Make & Take Tuesday: Coat Of Arms**

October 25 | 7 to 7 p.m. | Members \$20, Non-Members \$25 | [Registration required](#)

#### **Look At That! Armor & Amore**

November 23 | 12 to 1 p.m. | Free | [Registration required](#)

For more information about the Museum's permanent collection, internally curated gallery spaces, and special exhibitions, visit [cummermuseum.org/visit/art](http://cummermuseum.org/visit/art).

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### **About the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens:**

For 60 years, the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens has been committed to engaging and inspiring through the arts, gardens, and education. A permanent collection of more than 5,000 objects and historic gardens on a riverfront campus offers nearly 130,000 annual visitors a truly unique experience on the First Coast. Nationally recognized education programs serve adults and children of all abilities. The Museum is committed to ensuring that diversity and inclusion is woven into the fabric of its exhibitions, programs, and offerings. For further information, including hours, visit [www.cummermuseum.org](http://www.cummermuseum.org).