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Museum at Work

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USFCAM Hours: M-F 10am-5pm, Sat 1-4pm

Admission to the Museum is free; parking permit (\$4.00) required.

What *do* museums do behind closed doors? Visit CAM this summer when the museum opens its doors to the public to experience the process for photographing and documenting artworks in the collection with Peter Foe, Curator of the Collection. *See* what really happens, *participate* in the project and *explore* the collection online at CAM's Collection kiosk.

How? The East Gallery will be set up as a working studio for documentation of several hundred artworks (focusing on works on paper – framed and unframed) and draw on a bevy of interns and volunteers to install work, annotate and create records in the database. This project will allow CAM to make additions to its collection information currently on its website. www.ira.usf.edu

About The USF Contemporary Art Museum: USFCAM organizes, presents and tours vital and investigative contemporary exhibitions of national and international significance and commissions new works that explore major issues of our time. USFCAM uses its collections, innovative learning programs and temporary exhibitions to stimulate, inspire and challenge students and visitors to think creatively and globally about the times in which we live through workshops, talk-backs, symposia and targeted outreach initiatives. As a university-based museum, USFCAM serves as visual library and center for interdisciplinary dialog that teaches visual literacy and promotes creative and critical thinking. USFCAM maintains and circulates a collection of over 5,000 artworks with a focus on graphics, photography and sculpture multiples and prepares students for careers in museums through Internships, directed studies and its Graduate Certificate program. The Institute for Research in Art is the umbrella organization for the USF Contemporary Art Museum and Graphicstudio, which enjoy a synergistic relationship. The Institute is a research-based program dedicated to collaborating with leading international artists and is recognized as a major cultural institution by the State of Florida. The USFCAM is accredited by the American Associations of Museums.

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