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### **LOUISIANA STATE EXHIBIT MUSEUM NEXT STOP FOR EXHIBIT CHRONICLING LSU'S ARCHITECTURE**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is inviting the public to attend the opening reception of the *LSU: Building an American Renaissance* exhibition on Sunday, April 11 at 4 p.m. at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum in Shreveport. Guest speakers are Secretary Dardenne and LSU Chancellor Mike Martin.

*LSU: Building an American Renaissance* documents the work of LSU architecture professor J. Michael Desmond, along with fellow professors and students, in assessing the history of LSU's architecture, focusing on the campus' 18 original buildings. The exhibit outlines LSU's beginnings as the Louisiana State Seminary for Learning in Pineville through its relocation to the Pentagon Barracks in downtown Baton Rouge and the move to its current location. It is a traveling exhibit visiting several of the museums in the Secretary of State's Museums Division.

The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum is the exhibit's third stop on its 2010 tour. The museum highlights 18 world-renowned dioramas created from beeswax by E.J. Whetzle and Henry Brainerd Wright. Rotating exhibits, frescoes of Louisiana scenes and Native American artifacts are other points of interest.

The exhibit can be viewed through Sunday, April 25 during regular museum hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the building is wheelchair accessible. For more information about the exhibit, visit <http://www.lsu.edu/lsu150/bar.shtml>.

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