

— JOHN STEUART CURRY —

WEATHERING THE STORM

MAY 23 - SEPTEMBER 2

EVENT AGENDA:

- 1 PM – Director Introduction (Led by Kirk Hallman)
- 1:15 PM – Curator tour of the exhibition (Led by Art Martin)
- 2 PM – Questions & interviews
- 2:30 – Hard hat tour of MMA Museum expansion

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION:

The Muskegon Museum of Art is proud to present *John Steuart Curry: Weathering the Storm*, a showcase reunion of Curry's most iconic masterpieces as new research reveals a fresh perspective into the life and art of one of America's most influential artists. This exhibition will bring together Curry's masterworks under one roof for the first time in over two decades.

QUICK FACTS:

- *Weathering the Storm* is expected to bring a national audience to the Muskegon Museum of Art this summer.
- The exhibition highlights new research about the life and art of John Steuart Curry, one of America's most influential artists of the 1920s. Art historian, Patricia Junker, is the researcher behind the new information and helped to guest curate the exhibition.
- Curry's art influenced the national perception of life in the Midwest through popular culture and media in the late 1920s.
- The MMA is home to one of Curry's most famous paintings *The Tornado (Tornado Over Kansas)*. The museum purchased the piece in 1935.
- *The Tornado (Tornado Over Kansas)* has appeared in over 150 publications, including the 1936 issue of *Life* magazine, and the 1996 film *Twister*.
- Curry was named one of the three great painters of American Regionalism alongside Thomas Hart Benton and Grant Wood.

KEY PEOPLE

- Art Martin: MMA Director of Collections & Exhibitions
- Kirk Hallman: MMA Executive Director

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IMAGES



John Steuart Curry (American, 1897-1946)
The Tornado (Tornado Over Kansas)
Oil on canvas, 1929
Hackley Picture Fund Purchase
1935.4



Portrait Photo of John Steuart Curry
Muskegon Museum of Art

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