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FRAME has been building cultural understanding for 18 years by bringing innovative programming to new audiences at member museums. For citizens of both France and the North America, their countries are separated by a large ocean and very different languages; art however still proves to be an effective medium to share culture. FRAME's projects engage large audiences to build cultural awareness.

American art reflects the vast diversity North America offers: skyscrapers and dense urban environments and a large open wilderness taller and deeper than its cities. *Georgia O'Keeffe and her Photographer Friends*, *Joseph Cornell and the Surrealists in New York*, *Made in the U.S.A - American Art from 1908 to 1947*, *Sacred Symbols*, and *Mythology of the West in American Art, 1830-1940* are prime examples of FRAME exhibitions that touched on aspects of life in North America that French audiences know little about. These windows into art from North America contrasts vividly with the works from France.

Exhibitions exploring French culture span a much a much greater time frame than American art. These exhibitions have ranged from medieval sculpture presented in *The Mourners* to paintings that span hundreds of years: *A Voluptuous Taste. French paintings from the era of Madame de Pompadour*, *Bonjour Monsieur Courbet!*, *Van Gogh, Manet and Matisse: The Art of the Flower* and *Marvels and Mirages of Orientalism Benjamin-Constant in his Time*. These exhibitions also show the North American audience how art changed over time and how technique in the two countries differed during the same time periods.

FRAME over the years has adapted to the changing role of art museums in their communities by incorporating cultural exchange through educational programming, using art as catalyst for conversation.

Ronna Tulgan-Ostheimer at ClarkArt reshaped her own local program to counter youth violence and created Curating a Culture of Respect (CCR) - Des Maux, Des Musées, Des Mots with Margaret Pfenninger at the Musées de Strasbourg. The US Consulate in Strasbourg and the US Embassy in Paris recognized the value of this project by generously granting funds. The French component of CCR worked with the artist Tomi Ungerer to initiate conversations about his art to teach social responsibility to one another.

The Musée Fabre and the Montreal Museum of Fine arts are

working to engage visually impaired visitors by making art touchable. The contemporary museum visit is universally look but don't touch, which leaves the other senses unstimulated and the visually impaired left out. Céline Peyre at the Musée Fabre is working with the Louvre to open galleries in France and later in North America designed to teach the blind and those who can see what sculpture feels like. The two goals are to serve the visually impaired community while teaching non-visually impaired visitors what life is like without sight, and how different senses can open other ways of thinking about art.

As well, an educational program using art of the collections of member museums to make French and English language instruction at school relevant has developed between middle schools in Richmond, Virginia and Bordeaux. Students at the Collège Cassagnol in Bordeaux have had a chance to see and discuss Sonya Clark's "Black Hair Flag" with their American peers at the Collegiate School. Sonya's work is a contemporary discussion of current events and ancestry and is on display at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The students practice their English in the context of art.

FRAME looks to the future by fully embracing new ideas that make art museums a place where everyone in the community can come and learn about themselves and people who speak a different language, yet share so many universal human experiences.

Museum Spotlight: Dallas Museum of Art

The Dallas Museum of Art has been a long time and active member of FRAME. Olivier Meslay's

Heather McDonald the previous Lillian and James H. Clark Curator of Painting and Sculpture co-curated *Bouquets: French Still-Life Painting from Chardin to Matisse* with Mitchell Merling from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

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