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The front entrance of the Woodson Art Museum in Wausau (By User:Royalbroil (Own work) [CC-BY-SA-2.5 (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.5>)], via Wikimedia Commons)

WAUSAU, WI (WSAU) -- Two new art exhibitions will open this Saturday for the spring at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum.

The art exhibitions that open on Saturday, March 7th at the Wausau art museum focus on two unique art styles. The large exhibition on the second floor will be a French Posters Exhibition titled "L'Affichomania: The Passion for French Posters" from the International Arts & Artists organization in Washington D.C.

Marketing and Communications Manager for the art museum Amy Beck

explains that the new exhibition will feature five different artists who produced posters during France's Art Nouveau movement at the turn of the century.

"It features colorful large posters from the turn of the 19th century. Perfect for a sort of a flair from France, a springtime in Paris. You can experience a flair for France in the galleries of the Woodson Art Museum this spring without having to travel to France."

The posters will be on the walls of the 2nd floor of the museum in groups by the artist that run together. The rest of the space will be set up with bistro chairs to mimic a spring-like setting in France in the middle of Wausau.

The other exhibition running concurrently with the French Posters exhibition is an exhibition from an American illustrator. The exhibition titled, "Some Illustrator! Pictures by Melissa Sweet" will open on Saturday as well, featuring her biographical children's book illustrations.

Sweet will also have an artist residency at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum on April 16th through the 18th. During her time in Wausau, Sweet will share insights into her career by visiting with students, holding a studio workshop, and leading a presentation of her artwork with a gallery walk.

Both exhibitions open this Saturday, March 7th and will run until May 31st. Admission to the Leigh Yawkey Art Museum is free and the museum is open Tuesday through Sunday each week. Hours to vary by day and more information can be found at the museum's website, www.lywam.org.



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