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SERGIO'S CARTOON COLLECTION: Over a Century of Cartoon Art Exhibition and Opening Reception

The Ojai Valley Museum's latest exhibition is sure to leave a smile on your face. Explore the world of cartoons through the personal collection of Ojai's own Sergio Aragonés, famous *MAD Magazine* cartoonist.

Over a century of cartoons are included in the eclectic exhibition, each acquired by Aragonés because of its humorous qualities. He searched for examples from the most influential cartoonists from his boyhood and beyond.

Many well known daily and Sunday comic strips illustrate the exhibition including *Blondie*, *For Better or Worse*, and *Peanuts*, just to name a few. Also included are single panel comics from magazines such as *Playboy* and *The New Yorker*. Aragonés has been a *MAD Magazine* contributor since 1963, so of course there is a whole section of cartoon art from the magazine. From camera ready artwork, to cartoons complete with comments and registration lines for the printer, this exhibition includes unique items not seen elsewhere.

The opening reception, with Sergio in attendance, is Saturday, August 1 from 5 to 7pm. The cost is \$20 (\$15 for members) and includes hors d'oeuvres and a no host wine bar.

The exhibit runs through January 3, 2016.

The museum is located at 130 W. Ojai Avenue, Ojai, CA. Regular museum admission is: adults \$5.00, children 6–18 \$1.00, children 5 and under free, and current 2015 members free. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Tours available by appointment. Free parking is available behind the museum, off Blanche Street.

For more information, call the museum at (805) 640-1390, ext. 203, e-mail ojaimuseum@sbcglobal.net, or visit the museum website at OjaiValleyMuseum.org.