DAYTON ART INSTITUTE HOSTS ‘CURATORIAL CONVERSATIONS’
TOUR OF SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS ON AUG. 25

(DAYTON, OHIO) – August 17, 2016 – The Dayton Art Institute will welcome guests for another of its series of Curatorial Conversations programs on Thursday, August 25, when Chief Curator Dr. Aimee Marcereau DeGalan leads a tour of the current special exhibitions, followed by a champagne toast.

The August 25 event will highlight the special exhibitions The Antarctic Sublime & Elements of Nature: Water. These summer exhibitions, part of the museum’s “Year of the Classical Elements,” focus on the element of water in its many forms. The Antarctic Sublime features a colony of 450 mechanized penguins by contemporary artist Daniel Rozin. Interacting with visitors in surprising and delightful ways, this installation provides an immersive and responsive environment.

Elements of Nature: Water presents a monumental photograph by Berlin-based artist Frank Thiel of the Perito Moreno Glacier in Patagonia, Argentina. This photograph captures the immense scale of the glacier and emphasizes the powerful drama and overwhelming scale of nature, as well as mankind’s small place within that terrain. Complementing this installation is a 10-foot digital waterfall by the Japanese artist group teamLab, titled Universe of Water Particles. Influenced by the tradition of 19th-century Japanese Art, this video work demonstrates teamLab’s interest in the transcendent qualities of water and the encounter of both two- and three-dimensional space in digital form.

The Curatorial Conversations tour takes place from 6–7 p.m. The cost for this special tour is $5 for members and $20 for non-members (includes exhibition admission and reception). Space is limited, and advance reservations are recommended: call 937-223-4ART (4278) or make reservations online, at www.daytonartinstitute.org/curatorialconversations.

Other upcoming events related to the summer suite of exhibitions include:

Super Saturday Family Day: Penguins and Peace Week, September 10
Lecture: Mia Bennett, Ph.D. Polar Studies Scholar, September 15
Lecture: Dr. Eric Hodgson, Smale Interactive Visualization Center, Miami University, October 6
Be sure to watch The DAI’s website for upcoming Curatorial Conversations programs related to our Fall exhibition *Ravaged Sublime: Landscape Photography in the 21st Century*.

For more information about The Dayton Art Institute, please visit [www.daytonartinstitute.org](http://www.daytonartinstitute.org) or call the museum at 937-223-4ART (4278). Tickets for most Dayton Art Institute events, exhibitions and programs may also be purchased online at [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com). Be sure to connect with The Dayton Art Institute on [Facebook](http://Facebook), [Twitter](http://Twitter), [Instagram](http://Instagram) and [Pinterest](http://Pinterest) for additional information, behind-the-scenes photos and exclusive offers.

**ABOUT THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE**

As one of the Miami Valley’s premier fine art museums, The Dayton Art Institute offers a full range of programming in addition to exhibiting its collection. Gallery hours are Wednesday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 5 p.m., with extended hours until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Suggested admission to the museum’s permanent collection is $8 adults, $5 seniors, active military and groups. Admission is free for museum members, students (18+ w/ID) and youth (17 and under). Some special exhibitions, programs and events may carry an additional charge and include admission to the museum’s permanent collection as part of that price. Free parking is available at the museum and the facility is fully accessible to physically challenged visitors. The DAI’s Museum Store is open during regular museum hours. Leo Bistro serves lunch Wednesday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 3 p.m. Leo Bistro also serves dinner on Thursday evenings, 4:30 – 8 p.m. For more information, please call 937-223-4ART (4278) or visit [www.daytonartinstitute.org](http://www.daytonartinstitute.org). The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this organization with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. The DAI also receives support from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District.

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