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THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE’S EUROPEAN GALLERIES REOPEN JAN. 4

(DAYTON, OHIO) – January 3, 2016 – The Dayton Art Institute’s Berry Wing of European Art will reopen tomorrow, Wednesday, January 4, at 11 a.m., following gallery renovations.

The replacement of many original exterior windows, with high-efficiency units that maintain the historic building’s original appearance, necessitated temporary closures of the Dicke Wing of American Art and the Berry Wing of European Art during the fourth quarter of 2016.

“We’re excited to complete this phase of the museum’s renovation work and welcome the public back to these galleries,” says The Dayton Art Institute’s Director and CEO Michael R. Roediger. “We invite the community to visit and see the improvements to The Dayton Art Institute.”

This week is also the final opportunity to see the special exhibition Ravaged Sublime: Landscape Photography in the 21st Century, which closes Sunday, January 8.

Window replacement was one of a series of renovation projects taking place during 2016 and 2017. These projects have been funded by $2.2 million in state capital appropriations money received from the State of Ohio in 2014. The museum was also recently awarded an additional $1 million for renovations, as part of the 2016 state capital appropriations budget.

The Dayton Art Institute’s distinctive museum building, which opened in 1930, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Other renovation projects completed in 2016 included replacement of the floor in the Shaw Gothic Cloister; the renovation of the original Great Hall restrooms; updating or replacing numerous exterior and interior doors; and improvements to the building’s HVAC and technology infrastructure.

Ongoing projects that are continuing in early 2017 include the construction of an ADA-accessible pedestrian walkway on the museum grounds, extending from Riverview Avenue to the Entrance Rotunda, as well as the renovation of the museum’s original Lower Court restrooms.
Renovation of the Lower Court restrooms will continue to affect the neighboring Asian galleries, with a number of Chinese artworks deinstalled during those renovations. Please note that ongoing renovation work may also affect other galleries in the museum. For the latest information and updates about museum renovations and gallery closures, or to inquire whether specific works of art are on view, visit www.daytonartinstitute.org or call the museum at 937-223-4ART (4278).

The Dayton Art Institute also recently announced its 2017 special exhibitions, which include Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist (February 11–May 7), Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence (June 24–September 10) and Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau (September 16–December 31). For more about the lineup, visit www.daytonartinstitute.org/exhibitions. Be sure to connect with The Dayton Art Institute on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest for additional information, behind-the-scenes photos and updates.

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 – 7 p.m. For more information, please call 937-223-4ART (4278) or visit 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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