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THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE TO PARTICIPATE IN ‘OHIO OPEN DOORS’ PROGRAM ON SEPT. 18

Event honors 50th anniversary of National Historic Preservation Act

(DAYTON, OHIO) – September 1, 2016 – The Dayton Art Institute is pleased to announce that it will participate in the Ohio Open Doors program on Sunday, September 18.

Brought to you by the Ohio History Connection, Ohio Open Doors is a statewide effort, taking place September 9–18, where buildings and landmarks around the state will open their doors to the public for special tours and programs. The public is invited to join in honoring the history, design and stories of The Dayton Art Institute, as the museum celebrates the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. A special gallery guide created for the event will offer information about the museum building’s architecture and history.

On Sunday, September 18, The DAI will waive its suggested general admission and offer free admission to its permanent collection from noon to 5 p.m. The museum will also offer a $3 discount on regular adult and senior admission prices for the special exhibitions The Antarctic Sublime & Elements of Nature: Water. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., docents will be stationed at locations throughout the museum to offer historical information about the building and answer guest questions.
Constructed in 1928–29 and opened in 1930, The Dayton Art Institute’s historic building, modeled after the Villa d’Este near Rome and the Villa Farnese at Caprarola in Italy, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

“The vision and generosity of museum benefactor Julia Shaw Carnell created a landmark home for The Dayton Art Institute that is still as magnificent as it was when it opened in 1930,” says Michael R. Roediger, Director and CEO of The Dayton Art Institute. “The Ohio History Connection’s Ohio Open Doors program offers a wonderful opportunity to invite the community to the museum to learn more about this architectural gem, as well as the art housed within its walls.”

Established in 1966, the National Historic Preservation Act has been instrumental in preserving the historic fabric of cities and neighborhoods. It has transformed the face of communities from coast to coast, establishing the legal framework and incentives to preserve historic buildings, landscapes and archaeology. The act drives economic revitalization by attracting investment, supporting small business, stabilizing neighborhoods, and creating jobs.

“Ohio Open Doors showcases the stories of important landmarks right in our backyard,” says Burt Logan, Executive Director and CEO of the Ohio History Connection. “The 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act is the perfect time to highlight the history and the uniqueness of Ohio’s most treasured places.”

For more about The DAI and Ohio Open Doors, visit daytonartinstitute.org, ohiohistory.org/opendoors, or call the museum at 937-223-4ART (4278). Be sure to also connect with The Dayton Art Institute on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest for additional information and historic photos.

ABOUT OHIO OPEN DOORS
2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 15, 1966. To celebrate, Ohio History Connection will inaugurate Ohio Open Doors, to promote and inspire pride in Ohio’s amazing heritage.

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 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.

ABOUT OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION
On May 24, 2014, the Ohio Historical Society changed its name to the Ohio History Connection. Established in 1885, this nonprofit organization provides a wide array of statewide services and programs related to collecting, preserving and interpreting Ohio’s history, archaeology and natural history through its more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio, including its flagship museum, the Ohio History Center in Columbus. For more information about programs and events, call 800.686.6124 or go online at ohiohistory.org.

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