DAYTON ART INSTITUTE RECEIVES $45,000 GIFT FROM THE DAYTON FOUNDATION FOR ROOF REPAIRS

(DAYTON, OHIO) – February 29, 2012 – The Dayton Art Institute (DAI) will be able to make an important step in completing needed building repairs, thanks to the generosity of The Dayton Foundation. DAI announced today that The Dayton Foundation pledged a gift of $45,000 to the museum for critical roof repairs.

“We are very thankful to The Dayton Foundation for making this commitment to The Dayton Art Institute,” Executive Director Michael R. Roediger said. “This gift is a positive first step in getting the facilities in the condition required to safeguard our permanent collection and to move forward with new, innovative programs and exhibitions being planned for DAI.”

The Dayton Foundation requested that DAI consider its long-term strategic needs and prepare a letter of intent that would help the new leadership team of Roediger and Associate Director Jane A. Black begin with a solid foundation.

“DAI is planning to take action in a manner that is respectful of upcoming events, while moving forward quickly with repairs that protect our incredible collection and return items to the galleries that have been taken off view,” Black said.

Roediger noted that The Dayton Art Institute also has requests out to other benefactors for repairs to plaster damage that was done in some galleries due to roof leaks. The museum is also investigating what actions are necessary to rectify a leak in a lower gallery area due to drainage issues in the Italian Cloister.

“While this is an important step, there are many other needs still to be met,” Roediger added. “Like any historic structure, our museum facility has many ongoing maintenance needs, including repairs and upgrades to the parking lot, front steps and doors, just to name a few. We have also received a $75,000 challenge grant from the Berry Family Foundation to help with repairs, and the Rip and Denise Hale Family have made a gift that will help restore the Italian Cloister.”
Individuals and organizations interested in making a gift toward repair and maintenance needs at the museum may contact DAI’s Development Department, at 937-223-5277, ext. 239. Donations may also be made online, at www.daytonartinstitute.org/annualfund.

For more information about The Dayton Art Institute, please visit the museum’s website, at www.daytonartinstitute.org or call 937-223-5277. Be sure to also visit The Dayton Art Institute on Facebook (facebook.com/daytonartinstitute) and Twitter (twitter.com/daytonart) for additional information 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. The galleries and Museum Store are open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m. 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 Cafe serves lunch Wednesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 3:30 p.m. For more information, please call 937-223-4278 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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