THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY GALLERY CLOSURES DUE TO RENOVATION PROJECTS

(DAYTON, OHIO) – September 23, 2016 – The Dayton Art Institute has announced temporary gallery closures, taking place from late September through early December, due to renovation work at the museum.

The Dicke Wing of American Art will be closed to the public from September 26 through November 1, reopening on Wednesday, November 2. The Berry Wing of European Art will be closed to the public from October 31 through December 6, reopening on Wednesday, December 7.

The replacement of exterior museum windows, one of several renovation projects announced earlier this year, necessitated the gallery closures. The museum will remain open its regular hours, and the closures will not affect special exhibitions or already-scheduled events and programs at the museum.

“We’re excited to begin this phase of the renovation work, which includes reopening some windows into our European galleries,” says The Dayton Art Institute’s Director and CEO Michael R. Roediger. “In order to help safeguard the art and ensure the safety of museum visitors, we felt it best to temporarily close the American and European wings during this work.”

The replacement of many original exterior windows, with high-efficiency units that maintain the historic building’s original appearance, is part of a series of renovation projects at the museum in 2016. The projects are funded by $2.2 million in state capital appropriations money received from the State of Ohio in 2014.

Other renovation projects include replacement of the floor in the Shaw Gothic Cloister; the renovation of the four original museum restrooms; updating numerous exterior and interior doors; and improvements to the building’s HVAC and technology infrastructure.

The Dayton Art Institute’s distinctive museum building, which opened in 1930, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Please note that gallery closure schedules are subject to change, depending on construction schedules. Renovation projects will also affect the Asian galleries, with a number of Chinese works being deinstalled in October due to the restroom renovations. Renovation work may affect other galleries throughout the museum, as well. For the latest information and updates about 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).

Be sure to also 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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