DAYTON ART INSTITUTE’S POPULAR JAZZ SERIES
RETURNS MARCH 1 WITH GUITAR VIRTUOSO FAREED HAQUE

Eight-show series expands focus & features new name, Vectren Jazz & Beyond

(DAYTON, OHIO) – February 23, 2012 – The Dayton Art Institute’s popular jazz series has a new name in 2012 – Vectren Jazz & Beyond. The series promises to deliver the great mix of local and regional jazz artists audiences have come to expect, plus some exciting new sounds and performers.

The series opens on Thursday, March 1, with modern guitar virtuoso Fareed Haque, leading the Fareed Haque Trio. The show begins at 5:30 p.m. in the museum’s Shaw Gothic Cloister. Steeped in classical and jazz traditions, his unique command of the guitar and different musical styles inspire his musical ventures with tradition and fearless innovation. In 2009, the readers of Guitar Player magazine voted Haque Best World Guitarist in its Readers’ Choice Awards.

Born in 1963 to a Pakistani father and Chilean mother, extensive travels, especially long stays in Spain, France, Iran, Pakistan and Chile, exposed Haque to different musics from a very early age. This natural eclecticism has become the hallmark of his music. Haque can perform in a variety of settings and ensembles, from Jazz Funk Jam super band to stripped-down ethnic ensembles or with local chamber orchestras or symphonies. Haque has been described as a renaissance man on the guitar, playing all styles from Classical to Spanish to Indian classical to American Jazz and Funk.

Moving easily between jazz and classical guitar, Haque’s versatility has created a demand for him with prominent jazz, rock, and classical artists, including Sting, Dizzy Gillespie, Paquito D’Rivera, Dave Holland, Joe Henderson, Joe Zawinul, Ustad Zakir Hussain, Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Cassandra Wilson, Kurt Elling, Lester Bowie, Arturo Sandoval, Medeski, Martin and Wood, Kahlil el Zabar, Defunkt, Ramsey Lewis, Nigel Kennedy, Edgar Meyer, Stephen Stubbs, Bob James, David Sanborn, Frank Vignola, Frank Bungarten, members of the Vermeer Quartet and many symphony orchestras. He has performed all of the major guitar concertos, is an active transcriber of baroque and South American music, and has had numerous modern works dedicated to him.

For more about Fareed Haque, including performance videos, visit his website, www.fareed.com.
The remainder of the 2012 Vectren Jazz & Beyond series promises a mix of familiar faces and some new surprises. The series features concerts on the first Thursdays of March, April, May and June. The series takes a brief intermission in July, and returns with four more shows, on the first Thursdays of August, September, October and November.

The complete 2012 Vectren Jazz & Beyond lineup includes:

- **March 1**: Fareed Haque Trio
- **April 5**: Kick-N-Flava
- **May 3**: Chicago Afrobeat Project
- **June 7**: Soul Express
- **August 2**: Dayton Jazz Orchestra
- **September 6**: Rob Dixon Quartet
- **October 4**: MathGames!
- **November 8**: Puzzle of Light

All Vectren Jazz & Beyond performances begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Shaw Gothic Cloister at The Dayton Art Institute. Admission is FREE for museum members and $8 for non-members. General admission tickets may be purchased at The Dayton Art Institute the night of each performance. A cash bar is available for beverages and hors d’oeuvres.

For more information about Vectren Jazz & Beyond and other programs at The Dayton Art Institute, please visit [www.daytonartinstitute.org](http://www.daytonartinstitute.org) or call the museum at 937-223-5277. Be sure to also visit The Dayton Art Institute on Facebook ([facebook.com/daytonartinstitute](http://facebook.com/daytonartinstitute)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/daytonart](http://twitter.com/daytonart)) for additional information and exclusive offers.

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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](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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