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ART & MR. LINCOLN FEATURES NOTED SCULPTOR ED HAMILTON AT THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE ON FEBRUARY 13

(DAYTON, OHIO) – February 3, 2010 – In honor of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, The Dayton Art Institute and The Lincoln Society of Dayton, in collaboration with EbonNia Gallery, have partnered to present *Art & Mr. Lincoln*. This **free** talk by nationally known African-American sculptor Ed Hamilton takes place on Saturday, February 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the NCR Renaissance Auditorium at the museum.

Hamilton will present a program sharing the story behind the inspiration, design, preparation and completion of the Abraham Lincoln statue he created for Waterfront Park in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. The larger-than-life, 18,000-pound statue of Lincoln, dedicated in the spring of 2009, was created as part of the national bicentennial celebration of Lincoln's birth.

Hamilton's career as a sculptor spans nearly 40 years. He received worldwide acclaim for his "Spirit of Freedom" monument in Washington, D.C., which honors African-American troops who fought in the Civil War.

He is also well known for his work on the York Memorial, an eight-foot bronze statue in downtown Louisville that was created as part of the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 2003.

Hamilton will present *Art & Mr. Lincoln* at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 13. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information about this and other programs at The Dayton Art Institute, please visit 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) 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 Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m. General admission to the museum's permanent collection is free, courtesy of Chase. Free parking is available at the museum and the facility is fully accessible to physically challenged visitors. CAFÉ MONET by Elegant Fare serves lunch Tuesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 937-223-4278 or visit www.daytonartinstitute.org.

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