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THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW OPENING DATE FOR *ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL*

(DAYTON, OHIO) – December 2, 2009 – The Dayton Art Institute has announced a change in the opening date for the special exhibition *All Things Bright and Beautiful: California Impressionist Paintings from the Irvine Museum*. The exhibition will now open on Saturday, February 27, 2010, and will run through the originally scheduled closing date of June 13.

All Things Bright and Beautiful is comprised of 60 important California Impressionist paintings from the collections of the Irvine Museum. It is the only museum in California dedicated to the preservation and display of California Impressionism, or Plein-Air paintings. This beautiful and important regional variant of American Impressionism flourished in California from 1890 to 1930, and it principally featured landscapes that document the lush splendor of California before the state's huge population growth and mass urbanization.

In addition to *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, The Dayton Art Institute's 2010 special exhibition lineup also includes:

- ***Modern Masters from the Smithsonian American Art Museum***
July 24, 2010 – October 10, 2010

- ***100 Years of African-American Art: The Arthur Primas Collection***

November 6, 2010 – January 30, 2011

In conjunction with ***100 Years of African-American Art***, The Dayton Art Institute will also host a retrospective of works by noted Dayton artist Willis “Bing” Davis.

To learn more about these exhibitions, as well as other events and 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 museum, The Dayton Art Institute — which is in its 90th year — 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., with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 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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