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THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF FALL 2009 EXHIBITIONS

‘HIDDEN TREASURES’ AND DALI/DISNEY COLLABORATION FEATURED

(DAYTON, OHIO) – July 27, 2009 – The Dayton Art Institute has announced details of its fall 2009 exhibitions, which include a rare glimpse of the museum’s “hidden treasures” and a fascinating look at an unusual collaboration between Salvador Dali and Walt Disney.

Hello World! Rarely Seen Art from Our Collection and *Dali and Disney: The Art and Animation of Destino* will be both be on view at the museum October 10, 2009 – January 3, 2010.

Hello World! Rarely Seen Art from Our Collection continues The Dayton Art Institute’s 90th Anniversary celebration. The exhibition, curated by Will South, features many seldom-seen works from the museum’s collection, as well as some never-before-seen works and special surprises. The show’s hidden treasures include figures, portraits, still life, decorative arts, landscapes and more from many different cultures, spanning 2,000 years.

The Dayton Art Institute’s visitors are one of its greatest treasures, and a unique piece has been created specifically for *Hello World!* to highlight their stories.

Dayton artists Tess Cortes of Wright State University and Mary Ann Kirk of ThinkTV are creating a multi-media installation, combining video and stories of The Dayton Art Institute. These recorded stories came from the community and were recorded at the museum during May and June.

Hello World! will be on view during regular museum hours, with tickets priced at \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, and \$1 for youth (ages 7-18). Museum members and children 6 and under are free.

Hello World! is sponsored by The Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, The Berry Family Foundation, The Dayton Power & Light Company Foundation, Premier Health Partners, Miller-Valentine Group, and Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP, with additional support from DoubleTree Hotel. Media sponsor is WDTN-TV.

The unlikely combination of Salvador Dali and Walt Disney will be the subject of ***Dali and Disney: The Art and Animation of Destino***. In 1946, Salvador Dali began a collaboration with Walt Disney Studios on a short animation piece called *Destino*, slated to be part of a proposed feature film. After eight months – during which Dali produced paintings, pen-and-ink drawings and storyboards – Disney abandoned the project for financial reasons. In 1999, Walt Disney’s nephew, Roy Disney, resurrected *Destino* from the Disney vaults, and the film was finally completed in 2003. ***Dali and Disney: The Art and Animation of Destino*** will display prints of the art Dali created for the film, and visitors will be able to view the animated short, which has only been seen in limited release since its completion.

Dali and Disney: The Art and Animation of Destino will be on view in Gallery 209, adjacent to the Great Hall, and is free and open to the public during regular museum hours. The exhibition is organized by The Dayton Art Institute and is on loan from the collection of Dr. Lawrence and Holley Thompson.

To learn more about these two exhibitions – as well as *90 Treasures*, which continues through December 31 – please visit www.daytonartinstitute.org or call 937-223-5277. Be sure to also visit the museum on Facebook and Twitter 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 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday with extended hours on Thursday until 8 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 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 937-223-4278 or visit www.daytonartinstitute.org.

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