

# THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE



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## THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE'S 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUES WITH *HOLIDAY HAPPENING EVENT*, DEC. 3 – 5

(DAYTON, OHIO) – November 23, 2009 – Come celebrate The Dayton Art Institute's 90<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary and kick off the holiday season with the *Holiday Happening Event*, December 3 – 5.

*The Holiday Happening Event* will feature two special events celebrating the museum's 90th

Anniversary, as well as special holiday shopping opportunities in The Museum Store:

- **Star Gazing & Astronomy Demonstrations**

*Inspired by Joseph Cornell's The Stars Neighboring the North Pole*

December 3, 7 - 8 p.m.

Members of the **Miami Valley Astronomical Society** will be on hand to give outdoor astronomy demonstrations (*weather permitting*). They will also be available to answer questions about their organization, astronomy, and selecting and using telescopes. A museum docent will be on hand to talk about Joseph Cornell's *The Stars Neighboring the North Pole*, which is part of the *90 Treasures* exhibition.

- **Family Portraits at the Museum**

*Inspired by Pier Francesco Bissolo's The Holy Family with a Donor in a Landscape*

December 5, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Photographik, Inc.** will be at the museum to take family portraits in the museum's Great Hall. Receive one free 5 x 7 portrait, printed while you wait!

- **In The Museum Store**

December 3, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; December 4 & 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Vessel Amber Jewelry Trunk Show

Special guest jewelry artist on Thursday, December 3

Gift Basket Raffle

Holiday Trivia Contest: Answer a holiday-themed trivia question correctly and get 10 percent off one item in the store (already discounted items excluded)

All of the *Holiday Happening* events are free and open to the public. For more information about this and other events 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](https://facebook.com/daytonartinstitute)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/daytonart](https://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 — which is in its 90<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.daytonartinstitute.org).

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