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THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FEATURES *ART, MUSIC AND HISTORY: TRUMPETS TELL THE STORY*

(DAYTON, OHIO) – November 3, 2009 – As part of its 90th Anniversary celebration, The Dayton Art Institute will present the free program *Art, Music and History: Trumpets Tell the Story*, on Sunday, November 15, at 2 p.m. in the NCR Renaissance Auditorium.

In *Art, Music and History: Trumpets Tell the Story*, trumpeters Ashley Hall and Nathan Tighe combine musical performance with engaging visuals to take audiences of all ages on a whirlwind tour of 120,000 years of visual art and music. Their performance presents tools to aid audiences in analyzing, appreciating, and responding to the art and music in the world around them. Using art from the museum's permanent collection and music from around the world, Ashley and Nathan challenge audiences to see art and music in a new way. The program exposes audiences to the artistic, philosophical, and historical connections between the two art forms.

Award winning trumpeter, Ashley Hall, has appeared in concert halls, recital venues and churches around the world. From Boston's Symphony Hall, to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and St. John's College Cathedral in Cambridge, England, she dazzles audiences with her virtuosic technique and expressive tone. An active artist in the solo and orchestral realms, she holds the position of principal trumpet with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra and Sinfonia Gulf Coast. She also plays third trumpet with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. She has been featured as soloist with the Roanoke Symphony, the Washington Chamber Symphony, the Northwest Florida Symphony, the Montgomery Symphony, the Lima Symphony (OH), the Music Academy of the West Festival Orchestra and the Southwest VA Chamber Orchestra. In addition, she performs extensively in public schools as a MUSE Machine artist, with her husband, Nathan Tighe. Their program *Art and Music: Making the Connection* teaches students about important events in history and their influence on the development of art and music over the centuries. Her debut album, *Behold Him*, was released in 2007 and features new arrangements of the hymns of the church. She received her bachelor's degree in trumpet performance in 2003 from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and her artist diploma from the Longy School of Music in 2007.

Trumpeter, Nathan Tighe, received his bachelor's degree in trumpet performance from the Eastman School of Music in 2006 and his master's degree in trumpet performance from Boston University's College of Fine Arts in 2008. He has devoted his career to performing the cutting-edge music of today. He has commissioned five new works for trumpet and premiered 22 new pieces, ranging from unaccompanied solo works to full orchestra. In 2008, one of his performances was nominated for a Latin Grammy Award for best contemporary composition. He is currently a member of the Dayton Philharmonic Trumpet Duo with his wife, Ashley Hall. He has extensive experience as a choral singer, composer, arranger, conductor, chamber musician, and educator. After spending several summers working in India, he decided to return to school in the hope of becoming a doctor. He is currently enrolled at the University of Cincinnati, pursuing pre-medical studies.

Art, Music and History: Trumpets Tell the Story will be presented on Sunday, November 15, at 2 p.m., in The Dayton Art Institute's Renaissance Auditorium. The program is **free** thanks to the support of an anonymous donor.

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 and Twitter 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 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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