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YULING HUANG JOINS THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE AS KETTERING ASSOCIATE CURATOR OF ASIAN ART

(DAYTON, OHIO) – December 28, 2009 – The Dayton Art Institute has announced that Yuling Huang will join the museum staff as Kettering Associate Curator of Asian Art.

Huang comes to The Dayton Art Institute from the faculty of Kennesaw State University, and she will begin work at the museum in mid-January.

A native of Taiwan, Huang brings a broad spectrum of experience to the Art Institute's curatorial activities. She has served as Associate Curator of Asian Art at the Birmingham Museum of Art in Alabama and Research Assistant at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas. Among the exhibitions she has organized at Birmingham were displays of Chinese jades from local collections and on the art and production of Chinese new year prints. She has also worked in the private sector as an art appraiser and consultant, as well as working as a journalist in Taiwan.

Huang holds a Master of Arts degree in Art History from the University of Kansas and a B.A. in Japanese Language and Literature from Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan. She has also received fellowships from the Korea Foundation for study in that country.

“Yuling Huang’s diverse background and knowledge will be valuable assets and promise to bring fresh perspectives to our Asian collection, which has been a cornerstone of the museum since the 1920s,” says Janice Driesbach, Director and CEO of The Dayton Art Institute.

“It is my great honor and privilege to work for The Dayton Art Institute and its excellent Asian collection,” says Huang. “I look forward to the opportunities to develop interesting exhibitions and educational programs to serve the Greater Dayton community.”

The museum’s Asian collection includes Indian, Tibetan, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Southeast Asian, Persian, Islamic and Near Eastern art. The extraordinary collection of more than 2,000 Asian works began in the 1920s when Julia Shaw Carnell, along with her son the Honorable Jefferson Patterson and his family, gave numerous works to the museum. Building on this legacy, Mrs. Virginia W. Kettering donated more than 1,300 works including one of the world’s largest collections of rare Japanese gold menuki (sword fittings) and some of the best examples of Korean celadon in the world outside of Korea.

For more information about The Dayton Art Institute, please visit www.daytonartinstitute.org or call the museum at 937-223-5277.

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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