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‘HOMEGROWN’ TEAM TO LEAD THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE

(DAYTON, OHIO) – August 26, 2011 – The Dayton Art Institute’s board of trustees announced that two Daytonians have been selected to lead the museum. Michael R. Roediger, currently vice president of development at Victoria Theatre Association, will assume the role of executive director, and Jane A. Black, executive director of the Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC), will become the museum’s associate director, a newly created position.

“We assessed our greatest needs and anticipate that our new leadership team will bring great energy and new ideas to the Art Institute,” says Board Chairman Rob Connelly. “We intend to fully execute our strategic plan by improving our outreach and expanding our audiences.”

Roediger, a 13-year veteran of Victoria Theatre Association, will begin his new duties as The Dayton Art Institute’s executive director on October 1. He comes to the museum knowing there are challenges.

“I spent wonderful years with my Victoria family, but I am eager to move on and welcome new opportunities to introduce the wonders of the DAI to many more people,” says Roediger.

Black, who has been the Dayton Visual Arts Center’s leader for eight years, will shift from her current position near the end of the year. The DVAC board of trustees has formed a search committee to ensure a smooth transition for the director role.

DAI Interim Director Linda Lombard says, “This team approach represents a different business model. Michael brings extensive fundraising skills and community awareness to the table, and he is complemented by Jane’s top-notch organizational skills and knowledge of the regional visual arts community. This will be true team management in every sense of the word.”

For more about The Dayton Art Institute, including Oktoberfest and the upcoming special exhibition *American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell*, please visit www.daytonartinstitute.org or call the museum at 937-223-5277. Be sure to visit the museum on Facebook ([facebook.com/daytonartinstitute](https://www.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 museums, The Dayton Art Institute offers a full range of programming in addition to exhibiting its collection. The galleries and Museum Store are open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m. Suggested admission to the museum's permanent collection is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors, students (18+) and groups, free for museum members and youth under 17. Some special exhibitions, programs and events may carry an additional charge and include admission to the museum's permanent collection as part of that price. Free parking is available at the museum and the facility is fully accessible to physically challenged visitors. CAFÉ MONET by Elegant Fare serves lunch Wednesday 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. The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this organization with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. The DAI also receives support from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District.

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