For nearly two centuries, the National Academy of Design has been a leading artistic voice in America. Founded in 1825 (and known simply as the National Academy), this honorary artists’ society, school, and museum has helped shape America’s art and continues to be an active and influential institution to this day.

Selected by their peers, members have always been among the most distinguished artists of our nation. This exhibition of 100 paintings by 78 artists tells the story of the National Academy, from the early 19th century into the 21st. The Dayton Art Institute is excited to be the debut venue for this major traveling exhibition, which is organized by the American Federation of Arts and the National Academy of Design. This exhibition will be accompanied by a richly illustrated, scholarly catalogue.

The exhibition features self-selected masterworks by many prominent members and portraits of several of the artists, since a portrait was a requirement for membership. Included are works by some of the most recognizable names in American art: Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, Maxfield Parrish, William Merritt Chase, N.C. and Andrew Wyeth, Thomas Eakins, Robert Henri, Ernest Blumenschein, Isabel Bishop, Richard Estes, Charles White, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, Wayne Thiebaud, Peter Saul, and many more.

For more about the exhibition, go to daytonartinstitute.org/foramerica.

Join the conversation on social media with the hashtag #PaintingsForAmerica.


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RELATED PROGRAMS
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Trivia Night
Friday, March 1, 5:30–8 p.m.
Shaw Gothic Cloister & Special Exhibition
$10 members; $20 non-members

Trivia Night, hosted by Dana Sintell of the Rubi Girls, is back! Explore the exhibition, then test your art and culture knowledge with a night of food, fun and trivia. Our previous Trivia Nights sold out, so get your tickets early! Presented in partnership with Pepper Sprout Productions.

Auditorium talk about For America: Paintings from the National Academy of Design
Thursday, April 25, 6 p.m.
Mimi and Stuart Rose Auditorium
Free to members; included in exhibition admission for non-members

Join Dr. Jerry N. Smith, Chief Curator, to hear about some of the exceptional paintings in this comprehensive exhibition. Conversation follows in Leo Bistro, where food and drink will be available for purchase.

GALLERY HOURS
Wednesday–Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Extended hours Thursday until 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, noon–5:00 p.m.
Closed Mondays, Tuesdays & major holidays
Leo Bistro now open during regular museum hours!

EXHIBITION ADMISSION
Adults: $14
Seniors (60+): $11
Students (18+ w/ID): $11
Active Military: $11
Groups (10 or more): $11
Youth (ages 7–17): $6
Children (6 & under): Free

Prices include admission to For America: Paintings from the National Academy of Design and the museum’s collection galleries.

FOR AMERICA
Paintings from the National Academy of Design
February 23–June 2

Interested in supporting the exhibition by putting your name on one of the portrait masterworks?
For more information on portrait adoption, contact Brandy McFall at 937-512-0139 or bmcfall@daytonart.org.