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TALK TO DISCUSS NORMAN ROCKWELL'S CIVIL RIGHTS PAINTINGS

(DAYTON, OHIO) – November 29, 2011 – During the 1960s, Norman Rockwell broke away from his traditional images and tackled the controversial topic of civil rights in his paintings. These powerful images will be the topic of the talk [*Norman Rockwell's Civil Rights Paintings of the 1960s*](#) at The Dayton Art Institute on Saturday, December 10, at 2 p.m.

Held in conjunction with the special exhibition [*American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell*](#), the talk by the Cincinnati Art Museum's Kirstie Craven will discuss Rockwell's civil rights paintings and the historic events which inspired them. Works such as *The Problem We All Live With* and *Murder in Mississippi* – both featured in *American Chronicles* – reveal his passionate critique of the American society he had so frequently idealized. Images such as these helped contribute to the momentum of the civil rights movement and encouraged Americans to face the racial prejudice that existed in their society.

Norman Rockwell's Civil Rights Paintings of the 1960s takes place Saturday, December 10, at 2 p.m. in the museum's NCR Renaissance Auditorium. Admission to the talk is free for museum members and \$8 for non-members. Advance reservations may be made by calling 937-512-0152.

The special exhibition *American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell* is currently on view at The Dayton Art Institute through February 5, 2012. It features 42 original artworks and a complete set of all 323 of Rockwell's *Saturday Evening Post* covers. Admission to *American Chronicles* is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (60+), students (18+ w/ID) and active military, \$10 for youth (ages 7-17) and free for children (ages 6 & under). Museum members are free for their first visit, \$10 for return visits. For more information, visit www.daytonartinstitute.org/rockwell.

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American Chronicles was organized by the [Norman Rockwell Museum](#), which received support for the exhibition from an American Masterpieces Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, The Curtis Publishing Company, the Norman Rockwell Estate Licensing Company, and the Stockman Family Foundation Trust.

To learn more about The Dayton Art Institute, visit www.daytonartinstitute.org or call the museum at 937-223-5277. Be sure to visit The Dayton Art Institute on Facebook (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, active military and groups. Admission is free for museum members, students (18+ w/ID) and youth (17 and under). 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. The Cafe serves lunch Wednesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 3:30 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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