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DAYTON ART INSTITUTE EXPANDS HOURS FOR FINAL WEEKS OF *AMERICAN CHRONICLES: THE ART OF NORMAN ROCKWELL*

**** Popular Exhibition Closes February 5 ****

(DAYTON, OHIO) – January 21, 2012 – By popular demand, The Dayton Art Institute has announced additional expanded hours for the final two weeks of the special exhibition [*American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell*](#), which closes February 5.

Beginning Wednesday, January 25, and running through February 5, the museum will be open:

- Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tickets for *American Chronicles* will be sold until the advertised closing time, and the special exhibition will remain open until all patrons have finished viewing it.

In addition, The Dayton Art Institute will be open to museum members only for a special viewing of *American Chronicles*, this Tuesday, January 24, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

For more information about museum hours and planning a visit, go to www.daytonartinstitute.org/visit. To learn more about becoming a museum member, go to www.daytonartinstitute.org/membership.

More than 21,000 people have seen *American Chronicles* since the exhibition opened in November. This marks the second time The Dayton Art Institute has added hours to accommodate visitors.

American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell is on view at The Dayton Art Institute through February 5. The exhibition features 42 original artworks and a complete set of all 323 *Saturday Evening Post* covers created by Rockwell. For more information about the exhibition, visit www.daytonartinstitute.org/rockwell.

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. A Historic Preservation Fee of \$1 will be added to all ticket sales. The fee is used for maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds, ensuring the museum's status as a beautiful, historic site featuring world-class art.

Support for *American Chronicles* is provided by **Presenting Sponsor** PNC, **Executive Sponsors** the Berry Family Foundation and Premier Health Partners, **Benefactor Sponsors** Mr. Charles D. Berry, ELM Foundation, Kettering Health Network and Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, **Patron Sponsors** DP&L Foundation and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, and **Media Sponsors** WHIO-TV, *Dayton Daily News* and K99.1 FM. The museum's **Rockwell Documentary Partner** is ThinkTV and the **Official Host** is Crowne Plaza Dayton.

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.

Following the close of *American Chronicles*, the museum will resume regular hours: Wednesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 5 p.m., with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m.

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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