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DAYTON ART INSTITUTE HONORS VETERANS WITH FREE PREVIEW OF NORMAN ROCKWEL EXHIBITION

Veterans Receive Free Admission on Veterans Day; Stivers Video Honors World War II Veterans

(DAYTON, OHIO) – November 1, 2011– The Dayton Art Institute will honor American’s veterans on Veterans Day with a free preview of the special exhibition, [*American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell*](#), as well as a special program honoring World War II veterans.

On Friday, November 11, from 5 – 8 p.m., all veterans and one guest will receive free admission to the museum’s special exhibition *American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell*. The exhibition opens to the general public on Saturday, November 12.

Working in partnership with [Stivers School for the Arts](#), the museum will also offer a special program honoring World War II veterans as part of the evening’s activities.

The program focuses on Norman Rockwell’s iconic *Four Freedoms*, on view in *American Chronicles*. These four works reflected Rockwell’s interpretation of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s speech to congress in January 1941, in which he articulated his vision for a postwar world founded on four basic human freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want and freedom from fear.

Under the direction of Stivers history teacher Bridget Federspiel, ninth and tenth grade students from Stivers interviewed 30 World War II veterans. The video interviews were edited into 30 - 60 second clips and interwoven with music, segments of FDR’s speech, and the students’ reactions and reflections. As part of the Veterans Day Program, the finished piece will be shown in the museum’s NCR Renaissance Auditorium at 5 p.m., and all World War II veterans will be honored at that time.

The Dayton Art Institute will offer a museum membership discount to both veterans and active-duty military on November 11. Veterans and active-duty military will receive \$10 off any new membership, or the renewal of a current membership expiring before December 31, 2011, if purchased in person at the museum on November 11. Museum members receive free admission to special exhibitions, Vectren Just Jazz performances, and many other special events and programs at the museum, as well as discounts at The Museum Store and the museum’s Café.

For more information about this and other programs at The Dayton Art Institute, please visit www.daytonartinstitute.org or call the museum at 937-223-5277. Be sure to also 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 Café serves lunch Wednesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 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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