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DAI MUSEUM STORE PARTNERS WITH DAYTON VISUAL ARTS CENTER TO FEATURE LOCAL ARTISTS

(DAYTON, OHIO) – March 21, 2011– The Dayton Art Institute’s Museum Store has partnered with the Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) to offer the work of local artists in the Museum Store. Beginning April 1, a different DVAC artist will be featured in the store each month.

“This partnership is a wonderful opportunity to not only add to our selection of one-of-kind items, but also help support the work of talented local artists,” said Museum Store Manager Diane Haskell.

“I have no doubt,” added DVAC’s Executive Director Jane A. Black, “that museum patrons will be impressed with the quality of the art being created here in the Greater Dayton Region.”

The first artist featured at the Museum Store will be Rachel Goetz, who has been a lampwork bead artist and jewelry designer since 2002. Lampworking is a beadmaking process that involves melting glass with a torch and winding it around a metal rod to create beads. Once the desired shape has been achieved, the still-hot bead can be decorated with glass, enamels and metals.

Goetz favors mixing metals with glass: her “Silvered Squares” and “Silvered Hearts” are a series of color studies combining glass with fine (99 percent pure) silver inclusions. Her “Sculptural Flowers” are a series of stylized flowers created in a flat, thick form perfect for incorporating into bracelets.

Upcoming featured DVAC artists include woodworking artist Tom Keen in May and glass artist Susan Cannon in June. For more information about the artists, as well as a complete schedule of other featured artists, visit www.daytonartinstitute.org/museumstore. To learn more about the hundreds of artists who have found a home at DVAC, and the ways in which the Dayton Visual Arts Center provides art for the community and a community for artists, visit www.daytonvisualarts.org or call 937-224-3822.

The Museum Store is located in the General Motors Entrance Rotunda at The Dayton Art Institute and is open during regular museum hours. The Museum Store offers a wide variety of items for the art lover, including unique jewelry, artistic greeting cards, picture frames, exhibition catalogues, art books and posters, Art Institute souvenirs, and creative toys and games.

For more information about events and programs at The Dayton Art Institute, visit the museum's website at www.daytonartinstitute.org or call 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, 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.

ABOUT THE DAYTON VISUAL ARTS CENTER

The Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) is one of the region's leading artist-centered organizations for creators and lovers of contemporary art. DVAC enlivens the urban core with its ever-changing accessible arts space, which is free and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and until 8 p.m. on the First Friday of each month. The 20-year-old nonprofit is known for its unusual events and educational program; its offsite exhibits; and for planning and providing artworks in public spaces. For more information, call (937) 224-3822 or visit www.daytonvisualarts.org. DVAC is able to support working artists and present exhibitions and programs with the generous gifts of general operating support from its members, the Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, the Ohio Arts Council, Montgomery County and Culture Works.

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