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Black Santa, Ugly Holiday Sweater Party among holiday offerings at the Cincinnati Art Museum

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Art Museum is feeling festive with a wide range of holiday events and activities this month. Beyond the art exhibitions and galleries, several unique events are in store for visitors.

Cincinnati Black Santa visits CAM

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, from 1-4 p.m.

For the second year in a row, Cincinnati Black Santa Claus is coming to the Cincinnati Art Museum. He is looking forward to greeting children of all ages, reviewing their Christmas lists and taking pictures by the tree. Thanks to the generous support of The Voice of Your Customer, visits with Santa are free and open to the public.

Ugly Holiday Sweater Party with YPCC

Thursday, Dec. 22, from 5-8 p.m.

As part of the museum's new extended Thursday evening hours, wear your favorite tacky sweater and celebrate at a FREE party. The Young Professionals' Choral Collective of Cincinnati (YPCC) will serenade visitors

from 5:30–7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. We will also have holiday craft making plus food and drinks for purchase. All special exhibitions including <u>Van Gogh: Into the Undergrowth</u> are FREE and tickets are not required. YPCC will also be caroling at the museum on Thursday, Dec. 8 and 15, from 5:30–7:30 p.m.



Reinstalled African Gallery to debut

Open starting Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m. (new permanent gallery)

African artifacts including ritual performance masks, tools used by healers, objects of status used by community leaders, textiles and other decorative items used in the home, will go on view, some for the first time. The new location, in Gallery 103, on the first floor near the Rosenthal Education Center (REC), allows easy access for visitors.

New photography exhibition opens

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 through June 11, 2017

The Cincinnati Art Museum invites visitors to experience the new photography special exhibit, *The Poetry of Place: William Clift, Linda Connor and Michael Kenna*. Featuring landscape and interior scenes, *The Poetry of Place* showcases 18 black-and-white photographs. The artworks, all from the museum's permanent collection, hint at themes of memory and time, uniting images of an ethereal, serene world.

... and don't forget to make a wish at our holiday favorite, <u>Tree of Life</u>, on view through Jan. 8, 2017, and find that extra special something at the <u>Holiday Gift Shop</u>.

About Cincinnati Art Museum

The Cincinnati Art Museum is supported by the generosity of individuals and businesses that give annually to ArtsWave. The Ohio Arts Council helps fund the Cincinnati Art Museum with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. The Cincinnati Art Museum gratefully acknowledges operating support from the City of Cincinnati, as well as our members.

General admission to the Cincinnati Art Museum is always free and parking is free. The museum is open Tuesday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and from 11 a.m.–8 p.m. every Thursday.