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Cincinnati Art Museum's new universally accessible front entrance opens October 17

CINCINNATI— New access to the Cincinnati Art Museum's front entrance will be available starting Thursday, October 17, the first day of the biennial **Art in Bloom** event, beginning at 11 a.m.

The new front ramp, made possible through the generosity of the Joseph family of Cincinnati, will provide a universal path for all visitors, including those using wheelchairs, walkers or strollers. Additional support was provided by an anonymous donor. This project supports and advances the goals of inclusion and community outlined in the museum's strategic plan for 2016–2021.

Construction on this project began <u>February 25</u> and continued throughout the busiest summer in the museum's history. The ADA-compliant DeWitt entrance at the back of the museum will remain open. The Art Climb project remains on track for an early summer opening.

In addition to the new universal front entrance, the museum has expanded accessibility programming, created a cross-divisional accessibility committee and carried out trainings designed to make all museum staff welcoming to all visitors. Resources and information about programming can be found at cincinnatiartmuseum.org/access.

Visitors can enjoy Art in Bloom October 17–20. The event features a variety of both free and ticketed programing centered around floral arrangements among the museum's permanent collection.

About the 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. Special exhibition pricing may vary. Parking at the Cincinnati Art Museum is free. The museum is open Tuesday – Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Thursday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. cincinnatiartmuseum.org