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Cincinnati Art Museum suspends in-building visitation through Dec. 14 to encourage community wellness

CINCINNATI— The Cincinnati Art Museum will be suspending in-building visitation for a community health break in support of health care workers and Cincinnatians from Nov. 21 through Dec. 14.

The museum's robust digital offerings and outdoor Art Climb and artworks will allow the community to stay engaged with the museum during this time.

"Community wellness, in all of its dimensions, is our guiding force at the Cincinnati Art Museum. Today's decision is difficult, yet our museum is clear-eyed about our place in civic responsibility. This decision is an act of voluntary leadership by museum. We consider it a responsibility to help support our community's response to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Cameron Kitchin, Cincinnati Art Museum's Louis and Louise Dieterle Nippert Director.

The <u>Art Climb</u>, the new civic and art space on the grounds of Cincinnati Art Museum, will remain open and available to the public all day, every day. Three artworks were recently added, including a sculpture from artist Chakaia Booker and two pieces from Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum's collection.

The museum will be connecting with visitors virtually with <u>CAM Connect</u>, a robust Facebook group that provides unique content including artwork features, videos, guided art-making activities, a virtual book club, and more. In addition, thousands of works of art from the Cincinnati Art Museum's permanent collection can be viewed online on <u>CAM's website</u> and through <u>Google Arts & Culture</u>.

The museum's Terrace Café and the Museum Shop will be temporarily closed, but <u>online</u> Museum Shop sales will be available. All in-person museum programming will be temporarily stopped, and the Rosenthal Education Center (REC) and the Mary R. Schiff Library will be closed during this time.

Limited staff will be working in the museum during the public closure. All staff that can work remotely will be doing so. Museum staff will be paid during this period of closure.

During the closure, the Cincinnati Art Museum will be examining all safety procedures and will be using the latest community health information and scientific recommendations to make decisions and ensure that the museum remains among the safest place to visit, to learn and to work across Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

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. Free general admission to the Cincinnati Art Museum is made possible by a gift from The Rosenthal Family Foundation. Special exhibition pricing may vary. Parking at the Cincinnati Art Museum is free. Visit cincinnatiartmuseum.org for more information.