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**DAYTON ART INSTITUTE UNVEILS NEW SIGNATURE EVENT FOCUSED
ON ART PRESERVATION AND CRAFT COCKTAILS**

“Curated,” presented by Thompson Hine, is a craft cocktail event dedicated to raising funds for art conservation and preservation.

(DAYTON, OHIO) – February 19, 2025 – The [Dayton Art Institute](#) (DAI) is excited to announce a new signature event called **Curated**, presented by Thompson Hine, which will take place at the museum on Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 6–9 p.m. The event will offer guests the opportunity to sample a variety of handcrafted cocktails created by some of the region’s best bartenders while enjoying gourmet bites and tasty treats.

With a mission-based focus on art conservation, **Curated** was an event created to raise funds to preserve and protect an object from the DAI’s collection. Guests attending the event will have an opportunity to learn more about the DAI’s efforts to save the community’s art.

The inaugural event’s fundraising efforts will be dedicated to the conservation of a work donated to the museum by benefactor Julia Shaw Patterson Carnell, whose generosity and vision were crucial in the construction of the historic DAI. The artwork, created in the late 18th–early 19th century, is titled *Contemplation on Manjushri’s Buddha Field* and is a beautiful painting on fabric. The conservation process will repair tears in the fabric, stabilize loose paint on the artwork, stabilize the textile brand around the perimeter of the painting and ultimately allow for safer handling and display of the artwork.



Artist(s) unknown (China, Qing dynasty, 1644–1911), *Contemplation on Manjushri's Buddha Field*, late 18th–early 19th century, pigments on cotton, 71 x 46 inches. Gift of Mrs. Harrie G. Carnell, 1944.155

“At the Dayton Art Institute, we are trusted stewards of the art, committed to caring for and preserving the priceless community treasures contained within the museum collection,” said DAI Director & President Michael R. Roediger. “Our newest signature event, **Curated**, allows guests to come together with a defined goal of saving a particular artwork while enjoying an entertaining evening of fine cocktails and great company.”

The fundraising event will feature 15 different cocktails created by local bartenders. Each guest attending will receive a punch card, allowing them to sample a selection of the drinks and enjoy small bites provided by Bernstein's Fine Catering. Spirits featured in the drinks include Chopin (Vodka), Drumshanbo (Gin), El Mayor Blanco (Tequila), Flor de Cana (Rum) and George Remus (Bourbon).

The DAI is proud to work with a notable selection of local businesses for **Curated**, including The Bar Time, Bernstein's Fine Catering, Club Oceano, Dewberry 1850, Hotel Versailles, Jimmie's Ladder 11, Joui, Manna Uptown, The Reserve on Third, Smith's Boathouse, Sueño, Tender Mercy, Tuty's Bar and Grill, Whisperz Speakeasy and Wheat Penny. Each bartender participating will compete in two donate-to-vote competitions, awarding winners for the crowd-favorite cocktail of the evening and the most creative bar decorations. Winners will receive a prize basket from the DAI, as well as bragging rights. Additional fundraising efforts will include a silent auction, allowing guests to bid on a number of fantastic prizes.

Curated wouldn't be possible without the generous support of many sponsors: Presenting Sponsor Thompson Hine; Supporting Sponsors Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Darlene Walbroehl, Houser Asphalt and Concrete and Susan Ayers; and additional support from After 5 Clothing, Bladecutter's, Inc. Lawn & Landscaping, Brian and Mark Sharp, John A. Rossi Photography, Nat Croumer and Jeff Pizza, The Reserve on Third and Shana Sellers-McElroy - Morgan Stanley (Sponsors current as of February 18, 2025).

Reservations are required to attend **Curated**, and attendance is limited. Tickets may be purchased on the DAI website beginning February 21, 2025. For more information, please go to [daytonartinstitute.org/curated](https://www.daytonartinstitute.org/curated). The website serves as the go-to location for all information regarding the DAI's Signature Events, including ticket information, schedules and more.

For more information about planning a visit to the DAI, including current museum hours and updates, go to www.daytonartinstitute.org/visit or call 937-223-4ART (4278). Connect with the Dayton Art Institute on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) for additional information, behind-the-scenes photos and videos and exclusive offers.

ABOUT DAYTON ART INSTITUTE

MISSION: *Through art, we create transformative and diverse experiences, strengthen community connections and inspire imagination.*

VISION: *Through art, we are dedicated to collection stewardship, creative engagement and inspirational experiences. With intentional momentum, we nurture inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility.*

The Dayton Art Institute (DAI) is one of the Miami Valley's premier fine art museums, offering a full range of programming in addition to exhibiting its collection. The museum is currently open Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursdays, 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sundays, noon–5 p.m. Go to www.daytonartinstitute.org/visit for the latest museum information and updates. Museum admission is \$15 adults, \$10 seniors (60+), active military and groups (10 or more), \$5 students (18+ w/ID) and youth (ages 7–17), free for children (ages 6 & younger) and free for museum members. Admission includes access to all Special Exhibition, Focus

Exhibitions, The Lange Family Experientcenter and the museum's collection galleries. Some events and programs may carry an additional charge and include museum admission as part of that price. Free parking is available at the museum and the facility is fully accessible. The DAI's Museum Store and Leo are open during regular museum hours, offering unique shopping, as well as drinks and tasty treats. The Museum Store also offers online shopping at www.daytonartinstitute.org/shop. For more information about the DAI, visit daytonartinstitute.org or call 937-223-4ART (4278). The Ohio Arts Council helps 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 Culture Works and the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District.

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