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Love is in the hair at the Cincinnati Art Museum Art After Dark event on Friday, February 23

CINCINNATI— Feel the love this Valentine's season at the Cincinnati Art Museum's FREE evening event *Art After Dark: Love is in the Hair,* Friday, February 23, 5–9 p.m.

Celebrate special feature <u>Mementos of Affection: Ornamental Hairwork in Jewelry and Portrait Miniatures</u> with specialty cocktails (guests 21+), live music by the <u>Young Heirlooms</u>, braid bar and light hairstyle stylings by <u>AV Beauty Bar</u>, interactive love-themed tours led by <u>Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park Off the Grid program</u>, food for purchase from the Terrace Café and exclusive after-hours access to the museum.

Mementos of Affection features over 100 intricate portrait miniatures and pieces of hair jewelry, including a unique collection of eighteenth-and-nineteenth-century brooches, pendants, rings and necklaces that are either made of, or incorporate, human hair. Although considered quirky or morbid today, the hairworks in this special feature used to be commonplace. The installation delves into the dual themes of why such keepsakes were created and cherished: love and mourning. Mementos of Affection is on view in Gallery 213 through November 2018.

The timeline for Art After Dark includes:

- 5–6 p.m.: Happy hour, including specialty cocktails (guests 21+).
- Every 25 minutes from 5:40–8:15 p.m.: Interactive, love-themed tours of the permanent collection led by Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park Off the Grid program. Tours offered at 5:40, 6:05, 6:30, 7:00, 7:25, 7:50, 8:15 p.m. Meet in the front lobby.
- 5–8:30 p.m.: Braid bar and light hairstyle refreshing by AV Beauty Bar in the Great Hall.
- 6:30–8:30 p.m.: Live music from the Young Heirlooms in the Great Hall.
- 5–9 p.m.: Food available for purchase from the Terrace Café.
- 5–9 p.m.: Guests may complete a survey for a chance to win 2 tickets to upcoming special exhibition Terracotta Army: Legacy of the First Emperor of China, on view beginning April 20.

Art After Dark is free and open to the public. Parking is free. To learn more, visit <u>cincinnatiartmuseum.org/artafterdark.</u> Art After Dark is presented by PNC. Additional sponsors include P&G, Dewey's Pizza, Cincinnati CityBeat, and 91.7 WVXU Cincinnati.

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. The museum is open Tuesday – Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Thursday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.