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Cincinnati Art Museum welcomes graduates from its new docent class

CINCINNATI— The Cincinnati Art Museum will induct 24 enthusiastic, committed and knowledgeable volunteers into its docent program on Wednesday, November 8. The new graduates will build upon and diversify the museum's current team of more than 110 active docents.

Docents are volunteer educators who are more than tour guides. Members of the graduating class have completed a year-long training program—led by museum staff, curators and art experts—focused on best practices in museum education, familiarization with the museum's collection and art history. The program has prepared the soon-to-be docents for their upcoming role in sharing the museum's diverse, encyclopedic art collection with the public.

"Graduates will be joining a team that connects new audiences to art and enriches the museum's bond with members and visitors," says Assistant Director of Docent Learning Andrew Palamara. "We're confident that the class of 2017 will expand the scope of what we do while making a positive impact on the Cincinnati community."

Cincinnati Art Museum's 2017 docent class graduates includes:

Cindy Caslavka (Hyde Park) Deb Coyle (Western Hills) John Crawford (Fort Thomas, Kentucky) Scott Ehrnschwender (Terrace Park) Sara Fair (Newport, Kentucky) Kathy Francis (Lawrenceburg, Indiana) Terry Haynes-Toney (Hamilton) Sue Heidel (Pleasant Ridge) Barbara Holstein (Fairfield) Jenny Jeffries (Anderson) Zizi Khodadad (Hyde Park) Christine Krumpelbeck (Western Hills) Holly Light (Anderson) Douglas Linn (Pleasant Ridge) Annie Linnemann (Nashville, Tennessee) Sue McDonald (Mason) Susan Monton (Montgomery) Mickey Phillips (Burlington, Kentucky) Sarah Shay (Newport, Kentucky) Anna Valerius (Indian Hill) Roza Vilner (South Lebanon) Phil Weintraub (Amberley Village) Julie Willis (Glendale) Bob Zierolf (Amberley Village)

To learn more about the art museum's docent program, visit <u>http://cincinnatiartmuseum.org/give-join/volunteer-opportunities/docent-corps/</u>.

About the Cincinnati Art Museum

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