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The Zanesville Museum of Opens New Urban Watercolor Exhibition

ZANESVILLE, Ohio—There is a new exhibition opening at the Zanesville Museum of Art. *Watercolor Paintings from the Cleveland School: An Urban Life* opens October 3 and will be on view through March 9, 2019. Museum guests may have viewed the preceding exhibition, *A Rural Life*, which recently closed. Together, these two exhibitions tell the story of the group of painters known as the Cleveland School. Active in Northeast Ohio from the late 1800s to the 1960s, members of the Cleveland School helped establish watercolor as an important form of modern art, while pushing the boundaries of what is possible with the medium. Today, the Cleveland School artists are widely regarded as some of the most popular watercolor artists in art history.

“Watercolor painting is the special pride of Cleveland,” commented Grace Kelly, member of the Cleveland School, in the May 1942 edition of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. It is “the medium through which its artists are known to connoisseurs throughout the country.”

An Urban Life explores Northeast Ohio’s industrial history, with many of the artworks featuring city scenes, steamboats, and newly constructed factories. This is in contrast to *A Rural Life*, which depicted the Buckeye State’s beautiful natural formations such as forests, rivers, and mountains. Ohio’s experience with the Industrial Revolution is on display in *An Urban Life*; this fascinating exhibition gives a visual history of Ohio becoming an industrial leader in the country.

The works on display in *Watercolor Paintings from the Cleveland School: An Urban Life* are unique in that they tell a story while showcasing the brilliant talent of the group of artists collectively known as the Cleveland School. This important exhibition is on display at the Zanesville Museum of Art until March 2019.

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The museum welcomes visitors: Wed, Fri, Sat 10 am–5 pm and Thurs 10 am–7:30 pm.
Admission: \$6 for adults; \$4 for adults 60 and older and students with valid ID; Free for children 10 and under.

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