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The Zanesville Museum of Art Receives \$6,000 from The J. William and Mary Helen Straker Charitable Foundation for Series of Free Concerts

ZANESVILLE, Ohio–The Zanesville Museum of Art announced that it has received \$6,000 from The J. William and Mary Helen Straker Charitable Foundation for the upcoming series—Concerts at the Museum, in association with the Southeast Ohio Symphony Orchestra.

This project will serve Muskingum County by bringing a wonderful series of free concerts to the community. The first of these free concerts is Thursday, September 12 and features bluegrass group *Two by Two*. The concerts are aligned with the museum's current and upcoming exhibitions. Vivaldi's Venice, the November concert, features Italian composers and celebrates ZMA fall exhibition *An American in Venice* | *James McNeill Whistler and His Legacy*. There will also be a fun children's concert in May to accompany the always popular *Muskingum County K–12 Student Art Exhibition* at the ZMA. The museum invites everyone to enjoy the free concerts supported by the The J. William and Mary Helen Straker Charitable Foundation.

"The ZMA/SEOSO partnership was made possible by this grant," stated ZMA Education Coordinator Misty Johnson. "This year's concert series will feature a fantastic variety of dynamic performances in conjunction with the ZMA's exciting exhibition schedule."

2019 marks the second year the museum and SEOSO have partnered to bring free concerts to the community. This is the first year that the concerts have been supported by the J. William and Mary Helen Straker Charitable Foundation. The museum hopes to broaden audiences' understanding of the relationship between the visual and performing arts. New this year to the Concerts at the Museum are pre-performance talks by the musicians, which will provide museum members and not-yet-members an opportunity to interact with the performers and ask questions about the musical selections. "We hope these added programs will build a bridge between the performing and visual arts," stated ZMA Executive Director Laine Snyder. The free concerts will introduce guests to a diverse and dynamic range of professional performers at the museum, outside of the traditional theater setting, and provide access to exceptional live regional performances at no cost.

The Lineup of Concerts at the Museum

Thursday, September 12, Ohio Bluegrass Traditions Performed by Two by Two, with a Pre-Performance Talk, 6 pm

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Thursday, October 10, A Musical Adventure by The Tower Duo, 6 pm

Thursday, November 14, Vivaldi's Venice by Steve Miller, Classical Guitar, 6 pm

Thursday, December 12, Zanesville Museum of Art Annual Holiday Concert, 5:30 pm

Thursday, February 13, A Little Romance | A Valentine's Concert by James Blackmon, 6 pm

Thursday, March 12, Chicks with Instruments | Notable Musical Women by Paradocs, 6 pm

Thursday, April 9, *The Bad Boys of Classical Music* by the *Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra Trio*, with a Pre-Performace Talk, 6 pm

Saturday, May 9, Children's Concert by the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Ensemble, 2 pm

Thursday, June 11, Beautiful Ohio | The Music and Musicians of the Buckeye State by the Muskingum Jazz Quintet, 6 pm

Thursday, July 9, Makeup Concert Date, if needed

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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.

Free Admission Thursday Evenings 5-7:30 pm.

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