

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



Contact: Amy Schreiber  
Executive Assistant for Advancement and Administration  
260. 422. 6467, ext. 334  
[amy.schreiber@fwmoa.org](mailto:amy.schreiber@fwmoa.org)

**Major collection of Indiana art comes to FWMoA August 27**  
*The largest collection of Indiana art will be exhibited outside Lafayette for the first time*

**August 16, 2016 (Fort Wayne, IN)** – The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is proud to partner with the Haan Mansion of Lafayette to present a selection of works from the largest, most complete collection of important Indiana art in the state. The exhibit celebrates the Indiana Bicentennial with this important collection of our state’s most eminent artists and will be shown at FWMoA August 27-October 23.

The exhibit of over 50 artworks is part of the Bob and Ellie Haan collection. The Haans, who reside in Lafayette, have collected the work of major Indiana artists for decades and have outfitted their 1904 mansion with fine American furniture, decorative art, and as space allows, selections from their extensive collection of fine art.

The Haans have been collecting historic Indiana art for over two decades, including works by the Hoosier Group artists, Richmond and Brown County artists, and 1930s and 1940s Regionalist paintings. The couple generously shares their collection, loaning pieces to museums across the Midwest. However, the loan to the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for this exhibition is the single largest loan in their collecting history.

Notable artists in the exhibition include George Winter, T.C. Steele, John Elwood Bundy, Margaret Rudisill, and Maude Eggemeyer, among others. Nearly 50 artists who lived or worked in Indiana are represented in the exhibition, one of the largest groups of Indiana artists ever exhibited by the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

Educational programming for this exhibit includes a program on September 24 at 10:30am by storyteller LouAnn Homan, presenting “Sharing Hoosier History through Stories: T.C. Steele - A Poet, A Philosopher, and A Painter.” Free with gallery admission.

On October 6 at 12:15pm, President & CEO and Chief Curator Charles Shepard will lead a gallery tour of this exhibition. From his specialized and personal point of view, Shepard offers a unique perspective as the visionary for all exhibitions at FWMoA. Free with gallery admission.

For more information, visit [www.fwmoa.org](http://www.fwmoa.org).

**About the Fort Wayne Museum of Art:** Beginning with art classes in 1888 given by J. Ottis Adams and later William Forsyth, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art has evolved into a center for the visual arts community in Northeast Indiana. Regularly exhibiting regional and nationally acclaimed artists, the FWMoA also boasts an extensive permanent collection of American Art, including the Steven Sorman Archives and more than 300 pieces of Brilliant Cut Glass. The Museum is committed to the collection, preservation, presentation and interpretation of American and related art to engage broad and diverse audiences throughout the community and region, and add value to their lives. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is a funded partner of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne. This activity made possible, in part, with support from the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

###