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JUNETEENTH WINS INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Toledo, Ohio—The Ohio Museums Association (OMA) announced yesterday that the Toledo Museum of Art’s annual Juneteenth celebration has received an Institutional Excellence Award at the 2007 OMA Outstanding Achievement Awards. This is the third Institutional Excellence award for the Museum in the past four years.

The panel of judges included professionals from Ohio museums, small and large, rural and urban. Entries are judged on the projects’ descriptions, goals, unique aspects, and outcomes. The judges then evaluated how well the Juneteenth celebration helped accomplish the Museum’s mission and utilized our collection. Above all, judges closely examined how the project had exceeded TMA’s everyday operations to make a lasting impact on the community.

“Juneteenth energizes the entire Museum—our collection, our studios, our programs, and our campus to reach out to our community with this historical and cultural celebration,” TMA Director Don Bacigalupi said. “Now in its fourth year, Juneteenth has consistently grown and attracts thousands of visitors annually.”

Juneteenth 2008 will take place on Saturday, June 21, from 11:30 A.M. to 7 P.M. This free festival features music, dance, film, live demonstrations, food, and hands-on art activities—all highlighting the profound impact that African American culture has on our community.

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The OMA is a nonprofit organization that serves the museums of Ohio, including art museums, aquariums, zoos, botanical gardens, science and technology centers, and historic parks and sites.

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The mission of the Toledo Museum of Art is based upon the belief in the power of art to ignite the imagination, stimulate thought, and provide enjoyment. Through our collection and programs, we strive to integrate art into the lives of people.

The Toledo Museum of Art is a nonprofit arts institution funded through individual donations, foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, and investments. The Ohio Arts Council helps fund programs at the Toledo Museum of Art through a sustainable grant program that encourages economic growth, educational excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

Admission to the Museum is free. The Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.; Friday, 10 A.M.–10 P.M.; Sunday, 11 A.M.–5 P.M.; but closed Mondays and major holidays. Friday evening hours are made possible by Fifth Third Bank.

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. For general information, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit www.toledomuseum.org