Loeb Charitable Trust Grant Funds Programming for Seniors, Students Mid-Day Art Series, K-6 Visual Arts Education, Portfolio Development Program All Benefit

Flint, MI – Through a charitable trust administered by Huntington National Bank, the Flint Institute of Arts received funding for its noontime, arts-related video and films series aimed at seniors, comprehensive, visual arts-based classes for K-6th grade students, and a three-year program that develops the talents of gifted high school visual arts students.

The Stella & Frederick Loeb Charitable Trust is providing support of the very popular “Art a la Carte” series, which features weekly art-related films, serves more than 2,500 seniors annually. The FIA Art School’s three-year Pre-College Portfolio Program (PDP), during which students, produce a visual art portfolio that can be used for college or professional applications, also received funding, as did the museum's K-6th grade, ARTreach Program, which is offered in elementary schools in the Flint Community School district, as well as nine districts in Genesee County. The FIA is committed to providing innovative art programming for all ages and is grateful to the Loeb Charitable Trust for providing funds to allow the museum to provide high quality experiences to the region.

Noted Donovan Entrekin, FIA Art School Director, "With this grant from the Loeb Charitable Trust, the FIA Art School's Pre-College Development Program can continue to evolve and offer high-level studio training to young artist while keeping tuition costs low. The breadth and depth of studio experiences we offer, combined with the college guidance and the visiting artist workshops, make the PDP one of the most unique experiences available to artistically inclined high school students in Mid-Michigan."

For Monique Desmoreau, FIA Education Curator, the grant allows the FIA to reach community members young and old. "Through the generosity of the Loeb Charitable Trust, we're able to provide our longstanding Art a la Carte series to our audience, many of whom are seniors, allowing them to connect to art and artists within a meaningful social experience. With ARTreach, the multi-part program connects our area's K-6 students with the visual arts and gives them needed tools to express their ideas and thoughts about the world around them."

Representatives of Huntington Bank, as well as FIA Art School Director Donovan Entrekin and FIA Education Curator Monique Desmoreau. All interested media, please call Chene Koppitz at 810.237.7387.
ABOUT THE STELLA & FREDERICK LOEB CHARITABLE TRUST
Established in 1990, the Stella & Frederick Loeb Charitable Trust is administered by Huntington National Bank and, through grants, provides funding for performing and visual arts, education, youth development, youth/child education, and human services.

ABOUT THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
The Flint Institute of Arts is Michigan’s second largest art museum and one of the largest museum art schools in the nation. The FIA’s mission is to advance the understanding and appreciation of art for all through collections, exhibitions, and educational programs. The FIA is located at 1120 East Kearsley Street in the Flint Cultural Center. The museum is open Mon–Fri 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission to the FIA is free to members and children under 12; Adults are $7; Senior Citizens and Students with I.D. are $5. Saturdays are free thanks to Huntington Bank. For more information, please call 810.234.1695 or visit www.flintarts.org.