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**THE FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER PRESENTS
THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO
EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES
TO THE MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*School district acknowledged for successfully integrating art and humanities
into its curriculum*

**Award Program: Wednesday, May 12, 2010: 12:00 p.m.
 The Frick Art Museum auditorium**

Pittsburgh, PA, April 29, 2010— The Frick Art & Historical Center is pleased to announce **Mt. Lebanon School District** as the recipient of the *2010 Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities*.

In 1999, the Roy A. Hunt Foundation made a designated grant to the Frick Art & Historical Center to be utilized for an ongoing excellence in teaching award. The *Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities* is given annually to an educator who has demonstrated a commitment to participating in the Frick's education programs, and who has successfully integrated the arts into the students' learning experience. For the first time, the award is being given to an entire school district for demonstrating its strong commitment to the arts and humanities.

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Frick Art & Historical Center Director Bill Bodine comments, “Through participation in a breadth of Frick educational programs over the years, the Mt. Lebanon School District has instilled appreciation for art and history and begun the life-long habit of museum-going for its students at an early age.”

Since 1998, 5,344 Mt. Lebanon School District students from grades K–12 have visited the Frick and/or participated in more than 30 of its different programs. Of these student participants, 4,863 are from the district’s seven elementary schools, 63 are from Mellon Middle School, and 418 are from Mt. Lebanon High School.

Markham Elementary School is an exemplary participant in programs offered by the Frick. Markham kindergarten students regularly participate in *A Tuneful Trip to the Museum*, in which they sing their way through The Frick Art Museum and the Car and Carriage Museum. These students return to the Frick in second or third grade to tour and learn about *Growing up at Clayton*. A highlight of fourth grade at Markham is a day spent participating in the Frick’s *Letterboxing* program, which involves following clues and compass bearings to hidden boxes on the Frick grounds. The great enthusiasm of Markham teachers Diana Sanner, Patti McAuley and Christa Daube has inspired participation by other Mt. Lebanon elementary schools.

Mt. Lebanon High School students visit the Frick regularly for programs ranging from *Vasarely’s Visuals* to *Kôgyo Blockprinting* offered in conjunction with special exhibitions at The Frick Art Museum.

Says Mt. Lebanon School District Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, “On behalf of the staff and students of the Mt. Lebanon School District I want to thank the Frick Art & Historical Center for honoring us with the *Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities*. Over the years, the Frick’s programs have provided our students with outstanding enrichment opportunities in the arts as well as a greater appreciation of the rich cultural history of Pittsburgh.”

The Mt. Lebanon School District will be recognized at a ceremony in The Frick Art Museum auditorium on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. The ceremony will be attended by Diana

Sanner—a kindergarten teacher at Markham Elementary who has brought her students to the Frick the past ten years—and her students, who will present a short workshop performance.

Bea Carter, Executive Director of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, will present the award. On hand for the award presentation will be Torrence M. Hunt, Jr., Trustee, Roy A. Hunt Foundation; David A. Brownlee, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Frick Art & Historical Center; and Bill Bodine, Director of the Frick Art & Historical Center, as well as representatives from the Mt. Lebanon School District: Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Deborah Allen, Assistant Superintendent; and Mariann Fox, Director of Fine Arts, who will be presented with a plaque and an award of \$3,000 for district students to participate in future field trips and enrichment activities, as well as 180 free Clayton tour passes for students' families.

The Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities was established at the Frick Art & Historical Center through the efforts of Torrence M. Hunt, Sr. (1921–2004), a longtime Alcoa executive who was involved with many civic, educational, wildlife, and conservation groups. Following his retirement from Alcoa in 1982, Mr. Hunt served as senior trustee of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, named for his father and established in 1966. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Hunt and the Foundation, including Torrence M. Hunt, Jr., who serves as a trustee on the foundation's board, thousands of students have participated in enrichment activities through support provided by *The Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities*.

The Mt. Lebanon School District is a nationally recognized and award-winning school district with the mission to provide the best education possible for each and every student. The District operates seven elementary schools (grades k–5), two middle schools (grades 6–8), and a high school (grades 9–12). The combination of a highly trained staff with educated and committed families results in students who achieve local, state and national honors in instructional, athletic and arts forums.

The Frick Art & Historical Center offers educational programs for children, students, adults and families. During the Frick's last fiscal year (2009–2010), these programs served more than 14,000 individuals. For more information about the Frick and its educational programs, please

call 412-205-2022 or visit TheFrickPittsburgh.org. Free parking is available in the Frick's off-street lot, or along adjacent neighborhood streets.

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