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***COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART & ROY LICHTENSTEIN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE
ROY LICHTENSTEIN CURATORIAL FELLOWSHIP***

(Columbus, OH) – Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) and the Board of the Roy Lichtenstein Foundation are pleased to announce that the Roy Lichtenstein Foundation has awarded CMA a \$300,000 grant to fund the establishment of the Roy Lichtenstein Curatorial Fellowship.

The Roy Lichtenstein Curatorial Fellowship will act as a curatorial incubator for post-graduates in art history or a related field. Named in memory of Roy Lichtenstein, the fellowship will nurture and train talented scholars anticipating a career as a museum professional with a focus on modern and contemporary art. The Roy Lichtenstein Foundation pledged (and donated the first installment of) a \$300,000 grant obligation to paid over six years to the Columbus Museum of Art. The grant will fund three, two-year fellowships.

“Beyond the art of Roy Lichtenstein, the Foundation’s missions concern broad scholarship and the strengthening of public arts institutions. The Foundation is pleased to award a grant to the Columbus Museum of Art, which will assist in the development of future museum curators,” said Jack Cowart, executive director of the Roy Lichtenstein Foundation.

“We are honored and thrilled that the Columbus Museum of Art was awarded a grant from the Roy Lichtenstein Foundation to fund a curatorial fellowship,” said Nannette V. Maciejunes, executive director of the Columbus Museum of Art. “This fellowship ensures that recent graduates will be encouraged to enter the curatorial field and will be guided by the creative process, innovation, and profound impact of world-renown artist Roy Lichtenstein.”

Roy Lichtenstein was one of the most influential and innovative artists of the second half of the twentieth century. After receiving his BFA and MFA from The Ohio State University in Columbus (and teaching in its art school), a decade later Lichtenstein became primarily identified with Pop Art. His first fully achieved Pop paintings were based on imagery from comic strips and advertisements and rendered in a style mimicking the printing processes of newspaper reproduction. These paintings reinvigorated the American art scene and altered the history of modern art. Lichtenstein’s success was matched by his focus and energy, and after his initial triumph in the early 1960s, he went on to create an oeuvre of more than 5,000 paintings, prints, drawings, sculptures, murals and other objects celebrated for their wit and invention.

Applicants may view the Roy Lichtenstein Curatorial Fellowship position description online at columbusmuseum.org beginning December 15, 2017. Submissions for the position will be accepted through March 1, 2018.

For more information about Roy Lichtenstein, visit the extensive website of the Roy Lichtenstein Foundation: www.lichtensteinfoundation.org.

Columbus Museum of Art creates great experiences with great art for everyone. The Greater Columbus Arts Council, Nationwide Foundation, Ohio Arts Council, and the William C. and Naoma W. Denison, Frederic W. and Elizabeth E. Heimberger, Paul-Henri Bourguignon and Erika Bourguignon Fund for Visual Art, and Bette Wallach funds

of The Columbus Foundation provide ongoing support. CMA, Schokko Art Café, and the Museum Store are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. Museum admission is \$14 for adults; \$8 for seniors and students 6 and older; and free for members, children 5 and younger. General admission is free for all on Sundays; PNC Free Sundays presented by PNC Arts Alive is made possible through a grant from the PNC Foundation. CMA charges a flat rate of \$5 for parking in the Museum's East Gay lot. CMA members park for free. For additional information, call 614.221.6801 or visit www.columbusmuseum.org.

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