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PBS 45 & 49 to Present Akron Art Museum Renovation Update

KENT, Ohio — April 2, 2007 — Watch PBS 45 & 49 on Friday, April 6 at 9 p.m. for a **NewsMaker Akron** special program featuring updates on the renovation of the Akron Art Museum. **NewsNight Akron** panelist Jody Miller visits the museum for a second time to tour the museum, which is slated to open in July. The program repeats on Saturday, April 7 at 5 a.m.

After being closed for almost three years, the Akron Art Museum's \$34 million expansion project features a 64,000-square-foot addition designed by the Viennese architecture firm Coop Himmelb(l)au. The facility has a three-story glass lobby, a large exhibition space and a "roof cloud," a 300-foot-long cantilevered steel armature extending over and embracing the old and new buildings and the adjacent street.

Barbara Tennenbaum, the museum's director of curatorial affairs, leads a tour through the building, discussing how the construction has progressed, how the gallery spaces will be filled and what art acquisitions have been made.

This is the second **NewsMaker Akron** special that has featured the museum. In July 2006, Miller accompanied Mitchell Kahan, the museum's director, on a tour of the building. The program is available for viewing in the Video on Demand section of PBS 45 & 49's Web site, www.pbs4549.org. The April 6 program also will be available for viewing on the Web site following the program's broadcast.

About NewsNight Akron

NewsNight Akron airs every Friday night at 9 p.m. on PBS 45 & 49 and offers spontaneous, lively, in-depth discussions about issues that affect the lives of people in greater Akron.

Hosted by Vincent Duffy, director of programming and operations at 89.7/WKSU-FM, **NewsNight Akron** features a roundtable discussion with a panel of local journalists that covers both breaking news stories on topics such as education, the community and local business, as well as ongoing subjects including elections and major news stories. When opportunities arise, **NewsNight Akron** provides additional in-depth coverage with **NewsMaker Akron** feature stories and candidate debates.

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