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Western Reserve PBS to show encore presentation of “Joseph O’Sickey: The Art of Life”

Respected Northeast Ohio artist died Monday at age 94

NORTHEAST OHIO — July 24, 2013 — On Monday, July 22, renowned Northeast Ohio artist and Kent resident Joseph O’Sickey, died at age 94. O’Sickey was the subject of the Western Reserve PBS documentary “Joseph O’Sickey: The Art of Life,” which premiered in May. His art also was featured in a Canton Museum of Art exhibition that just ended on Sunday, July 21.

To celebrate O’Sickey’s life, Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1 / WEAO 49.1) has changed its program schedule for Thursday, July 25, to accommodate an encore presentation of “Joseph O’Sickey: The Art of Life” at 10 p.m. The program showcases the remarkable life and career of the Kent-based artist, who received the 2013 Ohio Governor’s Award for the Arts on May 15. The documentary also is available for viewing online at <http://video.westernreservepublicmedia.org>.

Born in 1918, O’Sickey spent seven of his more than nine decades painting and teaching in Ohio, first at The Ohio State University. He joined the KSU School of Art faculty in the 1960s and retired from there in 1989.

O’Sickey won numerous awards in painting and had more than 50 solo exhibitions throughout his life. His works can be found at the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, the Canton Museum of Art, the Cleveland Museum of Art and in many other private and public art collections.

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