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City Life Sculpture Exhibit to Appear in Downtown Dayton Again
Bronze Sculptures of J. Seward Johnson, Jr. Headed to Dayton for Three Month Exhibit

Dayton – April 18, 2008 – Downtown Dayton is bringing the arts to life again in 2008 with the sculptures of J. Seward Johnson, Jr. Back by popular demand, **City Life** is a walking public art exhibition that will be on display downtown for the community to enjoy from May 16-August 15, 2008. Twenty of this world-renowned artist's sculptures will be temporarily installed in key areas throughout downtown for the free exhibition.

City Life debuted in downtown Dayton during the summer of 2007, and tens of thousands of people came to enjoy the unique works of J. Seward Johnson, Jr. Twenty unique life-size bronze sculptures that capture human gestures in a realistic way will be featured in this year's exhibit, creating an experience for all ages to enjoy. The figures represent people of all ages in day-to-day activities, including a man painting a picture, a woman knitting a blanket, a woman pushing her child on a swing, and a man reading the newspaper with his dog. The sculptures have an effect that makes them difficult to distinguish from live people, and the impact they have made in other communities has been significant in drawing people downtown and introducing them to public art.

"I am so excited that we are bringing City Life back for a second year," said Mayor Rhine McLin. "They were a huge hit last year and it was a great way for us to get the community to come explore our downtown and enjoy art at the same time."

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A Downtown Sculpture Walk by J. Seward Johnson

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City Life brochures will include a map that highlights all of the locations of the twenty sculptures that are part of the exhibit. The brochures will be available in early May at www.downtowndayton.org, and hard copies will be available closer to the start of the exhibit at Courthouse Square, RiverScape, and in other key areas downtown.

Johnson began his sculpting career in 1968 after years of painting. He has created more than 200 individual life-size sculptures like the ones that will be on display in Dayton. His works have been featured in museums and private collections throughout the world, as well as in prominent public art placements like Rockefeller Center in New York City. Dayton will join other cities across the country and world in creating a fun, exciting opportunity for area residents to engage and interact with these extraordinary pieces of art.

City Life is presented by the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, the Downtown Dayton Partnership, and Culture Works, with major sponsorship support from WDTN-TV-2. Area businesses are helping make the project possible by sponsoring the individual sculptures. A walking map that highlights all of the statue locations will be available at the beginning of May, as well as information on a photo and essay contest that will take place in conjunction with exhibit. For more information about the exhibition, visit www.downtowndayton.org or call the Downtown Dayton Partnership at (937) 224-1518.

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