

The Columbus Museum Presents  
**Painters of American Life: The Eight**

December 8, 2007 – February 17, 2008

Painters of American Life: The Eight celebrates the anniversary of the famous 1908 exhibition at Macbeth Galleries in New York by the radical group The Eight. The exhibition will include representative work by all members of the group: **Arthur B. Davies, William Glackens, Robert Henri, Ernest Lawson, George Luks, Maurice Prendergast, Everett Shinn, and John Sloan.** Chronologically, the exhibition features works by these artists that date from circa 1908 as well as the decades before and after. The exhibition thus casts new light on this group within the larger context of American modernism. The exhibition is organized by Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art in Nashville, Tennessee and includes two works from the Columbus Museum's permanent collection. Columbus Museum is one of five venues throughout the Southeast to host the exhibition.

One hundred years ago, eight American artists decided to break new ground and exhibit their work free from the constraints of the National Academy of Design. Artistically, the Eight were a diverse group of artists, pursuing different modes of modern art. Henri, Glackens, Luks, Shinn, and Sloan, all were urban realists who later were labeled as the "Ashcan School" because of their subject matter. In many ways, the group only cohered in asserting independence from an institution that they considered too conservative, namely the National Academy. Despite their fleeting group-identity, the Eight created something that would be a model for future generations of artists: the idea of an artistic event and related media buzz. The Eight set a precedent for many independent group exhibitions that followed in the twentieth century, including the famous 1913 Armory Show.

Through art and photographs, this retrospective exhibition attempts to capture some of the artistic energy that made the Eight so successful. This exhibition reacquaints audiences with the extraordinary creativity behind this momentous event in American art and provides a platform for reevaluation.



JOHN SLOAN 1871-1951. Dorothy Hart, Green Dress 1913. Oil on canvas. Museum purchase made possible by The Endowment Fund in Honor of D. A. Turner and The Art Acquisition and Restoration Fund. 96.3

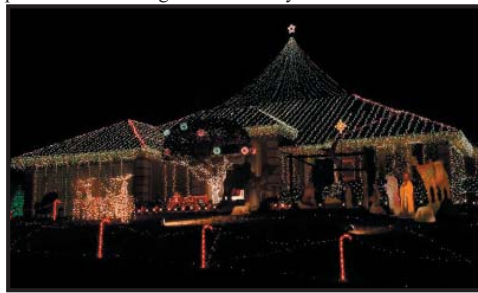
**Happy Holidays • Happy Holidays • Happy Holidays**

**“The Ludy Christmas Light Spectacular”**  
 5784 Ironstone Drive, Columbus, GA 31907  
 ludychristmas@yahoo.com  
 Daily through January 1, 2008  
 M-Th 6-10pm, F-S 6pm-10:30pm

Each year the Ludy family presents “The Ludy Christmas Light Spectacular” display at their house located in Cottonwood Plantation subdivision. The display is provided for the enjoyment of the child at heart who really enjoys Christmas decorations and the joy of the Holiday spirit. People from all around the Bi-City area come to see this each year, with an average of 500 to 1000 visitors driving by or stopping to visit with Santa. You can tune your car radio to 90.1 FM and listen to the music broadcast on Ludy Christmas Radio. The Lights are computerized with the music.

This year The Ludy's are participating in the Make-A-Wish foundation and will be presenting this to the community. What better way to give something to a child during this time of giving? A child with a life threatening medical condition can be granted a wish to do something they would never have been able to do under normal conditions.

The display began on Thanksgiving evening at 6 p.m., and will last through each evening until 10:00 pm during the week and 10:30 pm on weekends. For previous year's photos and videos go to [www.ludychristmas.com](http://www.ludychristmas.com).



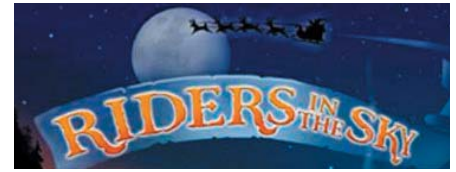
**Taffetas Christmas**

Family Theatre, 2100 Hamilton Rd, Columbus  
**Dec. 7 at 7:30; Dec. 8 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.**  
 Adults - \$10, Seniors - \$8, Students - \$8  
 Schedule a private party for your business or church group. Call for Reservations - 706-536-8052.  
[www.familytheatre.org](http://www.familytheatre.org)



Left to right: Chelsea Durden as Donna, Victoria Leggett as Cheryl, Brittany Whitehurst as Kaye, Lisa Anders as Peggy

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra is pleased to present  
**A Cowboy Christmas featuring**



**Thursday, December 6, 2007**  
 6:30PM – Santa arrives, 7:30PM – Concert begins

Enjoy America's Favorite Cowboys, Riders in the Sky – Ranger Doug, Woody Paul, Too Slim, and Joey the Cowpolka King as they perform Christmas tunes and Western classics “The Cowboy Way!” Riders In The Sky are two-time Grammy-Award winners for their CDs from the movies “Toy Story 2” and “Monster’s Inc.,” and the music from the Oscar award-winning short “For the Birds.” This Holiday show is perfect for Buckaroos and Buckarettes of all ages, so round up the whole family to join in the fun as Riders In The Sky “deck the RiverCenter halls” with holiday humor and cowboy carols! Come early and watch Santa travel down Broadway to magically light up RiverCenter. Visit with Santa before the concert in the lobby and enjoy sugar cookies and apple cider during intermission. For more info- [www.csoga.org](http://www.csoga.org), 706.323.5059. TICKETS: RiverCenter Box Office, Mon-Fri, 10A to 6P, Sat, 10A to 3P or Tickets.com, 888-332-5200.



**December 8- Christmas Parade**

The tri-community Christmas Parade starts in Phenix City on Broad Street and ends in downtown Columbus. This parade has been a family tradition for many families. Grab some hot chocolate and come see the colorfully decorated floats, antique cars, marching bands and lots of beautiful horses decked out for the holidays. Parade begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.

**Dec. 14- Candle Lighting Ceremony at Moon Lake**

Visit one of Phenix City's historic landmarks, Moon Lake, just below Idle Hour Park off Airport Road. The lake is decorated in a variety of lighted displays and hand painted seasonal scenes. It is lit up each night through out the holidays.

There will be a special candle lighting ceremony to light the candles that encircle Moon Lake. Area churches are invited to carol and hot chocolate will be given out as a special treat. Make this night one of your family traditions. Contact The Phenix City Parks and Recreation Department at 334-291-4719 for further details or if you or your church would like to volunteer to sing carols or serve hot chocolate.