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#### **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

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### **Art bus unveiling featuring Drake University Associate Professor Benjamin Gardner**

*The public is invited to attend the unveiling at Drake University for a first look at Gardner's design*

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) and the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation are partnering with Drake University to unveil their latest installment of the art bus series. Twice a year, the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation chooses a design and an artist's work is used to wrap a DART bus. The latest bus is the seventh in the series, and will feature artwork by Benjamin Gardner, associate professor and department chair of art and design at Drake University.

Representatives of DART, the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation, Drake University and Mr. Gardner will be speaking at a short ceremony in the Olmsted Center at Drake University. Following the remarks, attendees will be welcomed to view the unveiling of the bus in the parking lot adjacent to the Olmsted Center.

Media is invited to attend the unveiling, details for the event are as follows:

**When:** Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Upper level of the Olmsted Center, Drake University Campus, 2875 University Avenue, Des Moines.

**About the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation:** *The Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation, established in 2004, recognizes that art belongs not just in galleries and museums, but also in streetscapes, parks, buildings and infrastructures of a thriving community. Dedicated to envisioning, developing, advancing and promoting public art projects, the Public Art Foundation collaborates with local entities and artists to engage, inspire and enrich the lives of residents and visitors to the*

community. The goal is to increase awareness of our community as a world-class destination for public art. For more information about the Public Art Foundation, visit [www.dsmpublicartfoundation.org](http://www.dsmpublicartfoundation.org).

**About DART:** The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is the public transportation provider in and around Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that connects thousands of people every day to jobs, school, medical appointments, entertainment and more. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at [www.ridedart.com](http://www.ridedart.com) or call 515-283-8100.

**About Drake University:** Drake University is a midsize, private university in Des Moines, Iowa, enrolling more than 3,300 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate students from 40 states and approximately 40 countries. Students choose from over 70 majors, minors, and concentrations and 20 graduate degrees offered through six colleges and schools. Drake students, faculty, and staff take advantage of the wealth of cultural, recreational, and business opportunities found in Iowa's capital city. In return, Drake enriches the city through its own cultural offerings, considerable economic impact, and many service-learning endeavors, which channel the talent and energy of the Drake students toward meeting the needs of the community.

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