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CITY OF ONTARIO IS PROUD TO HOST *SHEETS, SHEETS & CAUGHMAN: ART FOR LIVING AND LIVING FOR ART*

Exhibition Dates: February 2 – March 26, 2017

The Ontario Museum of History & Art and the Chaffey Community Museum of Art are jointly presenting a major exhibition – *Art for Living and Living for Art* – that explores the artistic duality of three artists: Millard Sheets, Tony Sheets and Luis “Rick” Caughman. These three artists each created art for commercial and public art applications, and each produced a significant body of artwork for their own pleasure.

The exhibition will be split into two parts, with each Museum displaying different types of artwork from each artist. The Ontario Museum of History & Art is hosting *Art That Works*, an exhibition of the commercial art of the three artists, while the Chaffey Community Museum of Art is hosting *Pure Pleasure*, an exhibition of fine art created by the artists without any constraints from patrons or others.

The intent of the exhibition is to demonstrate that success in commercial art and fine art are not mutually exclusive. Commercial art refers to applying aesthetic principles to the design of useful

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objects while fine art refers to art intended to create beauty that pleases the senses. Drawing, painting and sculpture are examples of fine art while architecture and graphic design are examples of commercial art. The exhibition will include new and rarely-exhibited art encompassing the decades from the 1920s to the present

Special events and programs coinciding with this exhibition will be happening at the Ontario Museum of History & Art. For more information about this exhibit, please visit www.ontarioarts.org or call (909) 395-2510. The two museums are located across the street from each other in the Arts District of downtown Ontario.

About the Ontario Museum of History & Art

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is located at 225 S. Euclid Avenue, Ontario, California 91762. Gallery hours are Noon to 4 PM, Thursday through Sunday. Admission is free. For more information call (909) 395-2510, email at museuminfo@ontarioca.gov, or visit www.ontarioca.gov/museum. The Ontario Museum of History & Art is a public-private museum operated by the City of Ontario with support from the non-profit Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates.

About the Chaffey Community Museum of Art

Since 1941, the Chaffey Community Museum of Art has been sharing the gift of visual art with residents of the inland communities of Southern California. First founded as an art association, CCMA has since grown into an important regional museum that provides public access to fine art and supports the local artistic community. Admission to the Museum is free and ample parking is available. Hours of operation are Noon to 4 PM, Thursday through Sunday or by special appointment. The Museum is located at 217 S. Lemon Avenue, Ontario, California 91761.

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