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Beauty in American Featured at the University of Dayton

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DAYTON, Ohio, September 28, 1966 --- A complete new Bela Horvath show, Beauty in America, will be featured in the Art Gallery and Torch Lounge of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Union at the University of Dayton during the month of October. Mr. Horvath, whose show last November displayed his earlier works from Hungary, traveled extensively in the United States to create this colorful and beautiful hanging. The show starts October 1 and continues through October 29.

It is only the beginning of an idea, according to Mrs. Horvath, wife of the Dayton artist. "Bela and I originally thought to do a complete book of colored painting portraits of characteristic scenes in the states. We're not sure we can do the book because of the costs involved but this showing will indicate a start in this direction.

"You will note that, while we have looked for characteristics of each state, we also wanted to be different in depicting these scenes," she went on.

"For instance, we went to Los Angeles and from a hilltop my husband painted Los Angeles overlooking the bay. San Francisco has been done in this fashion, but Los Angeles is a new approach."

Mr. Horvath, in this show, depicts scenes from eight states—Ohio, Colorado, Florida, Tennessee, Wyoming, Arizona, California and Utah. He also has included portraits of his mother, just a couple days before she died, and of some friends. In all, the showing includes 36 paintings.

"We went into the Everglades and to Indian villages in Florida," recalls Mrs. Horvath. "We traveled through the Smokies near Gatlinburg in the Spring and the Fall, and we spent months at our winter home in Arizona.

"We love our winter home in Oak Creek Canyon. My husband's painting of the dome and coffee mountain in this canyon depicts the beautiful, almost fantastic, coloring of Oak Creek.

"We went to Grand Canyon," she continued. "You know it is very difficult to paint there because of the fast changing colors. My husband also did a mountain near the Organ Pipe Cacti National Monument Park. This is on the Mexican-Arizona border."

Mrs. Horvath also pointed to Ohio paintings including Autumn in Ohio, a scene just off the main road near Xenia, and a View of Dayton. Some other canvasses are Yosemite National Park, Snow on Mount Lemon, Reflections of Dark Trees, Lake Near Dayton, Spring in the Desert, Cathedral Rock (Arizona), Wild Flowers, Winter Near Flagstaff, Spring Blooms in the Smokies and Grand Tetons (Wyoming).

The Grand Tetons, and The Dome and Coffee Mountain in Oak Creek Canyon paintings are nine feet long.