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DTE SPONSORS STATE WIDE TOUR OF MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR, MI – Artrain USA has announced a nine-city Michigan State Tour . The Michigan Tour will take the exhibition: Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture throughout Artrain USA’s founding state. With the generous support of the DTE Energy Foundation, Artrain USA is revisiting the towns that inspired Helen Milliken, former first lady of Michigan, to create Artrain in 1971.

Michigan Tour dates are as follows – please call for hours.

- Petoskey, MI May 11 to May 15
- Mt. Pleasant May 18 to May 22
- Ludington, MI May 29 to June 1
- Lowell, MI June 5 & 7 + June 11 & 12
- Harrisville, MI Sept. 28 to Oct. 4
- Standish, MI Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
- West Branch, MI Oct. 13 to Oct. 16
- Owosso, MI Oct. 20 to Oct. 23
- Grand Haven, MI Oct. 29 to Nov. 2

“We are thrilled to be sharing our Native Views exhibition in our home state. Touring in Michigan is always a highlight along our national tour route. It is a chance to return to our roots and strengthen our legacy. This tour is a salute the arts in Michigan and the Native Views exhibition is a celebration of the outstanding contributions Native American artists make in our society” States Debra Polich, President and CEO of Artrain USA.

Native Views is a contemporary Native American art exhibition comprised of 71 artworks by 54 Native American artists. It explores the influence of popular culture and the many commonalties shared by all Americans. Visitors discover the richness, complexity and breadth of contemporary Native American art while examining varying perspectives on society. Native Views is touring America – coast to coast – from April 2004 through December 2007. The Michigan tour is supported by DTE Energy, AAA

Michigan, Consumers Energy and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Transportation for Artrain USA is provided by Michigan's railroads.

Artrain USA is "America's Hometown Art Museum." A nonprofit organization, Artrain is an art museum housed in vintage rail cars that travels via the nation's railroads. More than 3 million people have visited Artrain USA during 780 community visits across 45 states. Founded in Michigan in 1971 by the Michigan Council for the Arts Artrain USA's national headquarters are in Ann Arbor, MI. For more information please call 800-ART-1971 or www.ArtrainUSA.org

Debra Polich is available for interviews. Members of the media are welcome to attend Artrain USA's 2005 Michigan Tour.

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