CARL VAN VECHTEN ART GALLERY CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS UNTIL OCTOBER

NASHVILLE, TN - June 12, 2014- The Carl Van Vechten Art Gallery is closed until October of 2014 for renovations to stabilize the building’s infrastructure and enhance its safety and beauty. This is the second phase of renovations; the first phase was completed in 2010. Paramount among the improvements will be the installation of a new roof and museum rated windows. A backup generator, suited for maintaining proper climate and security controls during a loss of power, will be installed. Repairs will be made to the building’s façade, and the front and rear entrances. In addition, other minor structural and cosmetic improvements will be completed.

Funds earmarked in the historic 2012 partnership agreement between Fisk University and The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art will be used to offset the cost of the renovations. The Stieglitz Collection returns to Fisk in 2016 for the University’s Sesquicentennial Celebration.

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