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**Behind the Canvas Documentary Premieres Thursday, Dec. 20**

*Behind the Canvas,* a new documentary, will premiere **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 on** **Wisconsin Public Television (WPT)**.

A co-production of the Chazen Museum of Art and University Communications at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, *Behind the Canvas* explores American artist Jim Dine’s latest contribution to the Chazen Museum’s permanent collection**.** A four-panel mural exploring and honoring the art of classical antiquity, Dine’s creation took more than two years to make and crossed two continents before its eventual installation in Madison, home of the Chazen Museum of Art.

“It was an incredible experience to follow the progress of this work from idea to unveiling and I hope that comes across in the film,” said Kirstin Pires, Chazen Museum of Art Editor. “The installation was very difficult and required experts from so many areas to work as one. This is a behind-the-scenes look at something most people never get to see.”

With footage capturing Dine at work in his Paris, France studio, the film documents the artist’s creative process along with capturing the transportation and highly technical installation of the work. The film also documents Dine’s collaborative efforts with former museum director Russell Panczenko and the team of engineers, museum staff and professional art handlers needed to install the massive artwork.

Housed within the museum’s Brittingham Gallery I, the piece is hung in the skylight above the museum’s collection of Greco-Roman antiquities. The mural was unveiled in June of 2017.

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