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**The Cleveland Museum of Art Receives Grant to
Preserve Animated Films Created in the 1960s and 70s**
National Film Preservation Foundation Awards Grant to Restore Three Films

CLEVELAND (June 24, 2003) — The National Film Preservation Foundation awarded to the Cleveland Museum of Art in April 2002 a grant to preserve three animated films produced in the 1960s and 70s. The three films, *Motion and the Image* (1962), *The Most Unforgettable Tiger We've Known* (1965) and *Lights Out – Locked Up* (1972) were produced during a series of experimental film animation classes for teenagers offered by the museum's education department during that period.

“In the early 1960s, the museum began offering experimental classes in film animation for students in its Young Peoples Classes,” says Marjorie Williams, director of education and public programs. “These surviving films represent the only known examples of the youthful artistic creativity fostered through these classes. To have the opportunity to preserve these films for future generations to behold allows us to preserve a significant legacy.”

All three films slated for preservation use the museum's collection as a source of inspiration. Two of the films, *Motion and the Image* and *The Most Unforgettable Tiger We've Known*, represent the earliest products of the experimental film classes for teenagers. The purpose of these early classes was to promote teamwork by creating films representing a single product produced by a group of students. The third film, *Lights Out – Locked Up*, originated from a studio class for eight-to ten-year-old children that placed emphasis on each student's personal expression through the medium of film. The films will be available for online viewing by the end of Summer 2003 at www.clevelandart.org/kidfilms.

The grant comes from the National Film Preservation Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving America's film heritage and is funded through the National Film Preservation Act of 1996. For more information, please visit www.filmpreservation.org.

The Cleveland Museum of Art also receives support from the Ohio Arts Council and the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

For more information about The Cleveland Museum of Art contact 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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