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Northern Illinois University Art Museum presents *“The Life and Art of Käthe Kollwitz”* a lecture by Eva-Maria Worthington, Director, The Worthington Gallery, Chicago, Saturday April 18th, 2:30 p.m., Altgeld Hall room 315.

Eva-Maria Worthington, an art historian, founded the Worthington Gallery Chicago, in 1970. The Worthington Gallery specializes in German Expressionism including Blaue Reiter and Neue Sachlichkeit work, The Bauhaus, as well as contemporary painters and sculptors. Eva-Maria has curated many exhibitions including ten featuring the art of Käthe Kollwitz. She will share insights into the life and work of Käthe Kollwitz and other German artists of the early 20th century; a time when Germany was in great turmoil before, during and after the two world wars.

Käthe Kollwitz (1867 – 1945) is recognized as one of the premier artists of the early twentieth century. She is known primarily for her emphasis on the social content of her work, but this often overshadows her technical and artistic mastery. The current exhibition at the NIU Art Museum: *Käthe Kollwitz: Images of Death and Life*, is a selection of original etchings, woodcuts and lithographs that span her long career and showcase her unmistakable graphic style, empathic humanity and mordant social commentary.

This exhibition was curated by Peter Olson, Assistant Director, NIU Art Museum, and is part of our spring printmaking suite that also includes contemporary posters by Jay Ryan; hand printed, hand bound books by David Johnson; and a retrospective of the distinguished career of printmaker and NIU Professor Emeritus, David Driesbach. The exhibitions will run through May 9, 2009

The NIU Art Museum is located on the first floor, west end of Altgeld Hall, the “castle,” at the northwest corner of College and Castle Drives on the NIU campus in DeKalb. The galleries are open to the public Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday 12 noon – 4 p.m., and by appointment for group tours. **Exhibitions and lectures are free**; donations are appreciated. Pay parking is available in the Visitor’s Lot on Carroll Avenue and at metered spots in front of Altgeld Hall. **Free parking** is available on Saturdays and during receptions and visiting artist lectures in the lot northeast of Gilbert and College Drives. The exhibitions of the NIU Art Museum are funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, the Friends of the NIU Art Museum, and the Arts Fund 21.

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