Join Van Gogh in the 'Fields' at Toledo Museum of Art

"It will absolutely take your breath away. It will leave you speechless."

Strong words from a man who regularly views some of the best art in the world.

Then again, he is talking about Vincent Van Gogh.
Roger Berkowitz, director of the Toledo Museum of Art, said the exhibit. Van Gogh: Fields, is almost overwhelming to view.

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"People respond to Van Gogh so strongly because of the physical power of his work, Berkowitz said. The thick strong brush strokes, the textured paint and incredible composition. And because of the letters that he wrote to his brother, we have a sense of the personality behind the artist whose career only spanned 10 years.

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The ibledo Museum of Art is the only place on the continent to view Van Gogh: Fields. If you miss its Feb. 23-March 18 run you'll have to travel to the Kunsthalle Breman museum in

Germany to see it.

The exhibit is the result of a collaboration between both

museums. The Fields exhibit is a stark

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contrast to the DIA's successful showing of Van Gogh's portraits, yet is still intimate. Fields examines one of the artists most depicted subjects, the landscape.

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Fields begins with a single self-portrait of the Dutch srits that he painted in spring or summer of 1887.

From there, the viewer will see 21 other paintings, five drawings and two watercolors including Field of Popples — a controversial piece when Van Gogh painted it.

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"It was so modern at the time, it was not embraced,"
Berkowitz said.

Tickets are selling well and



view the fields in such a focused way. Berkowitz said.
Lenders to the exhibit include The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, The National Gallery and The Gallery in London, The Art Institute of Chicago and many others. It's worth the trip just to see Wheat Fields with Repaer, Auvers, which is on permanent

those traveling from Michigan should purchase tickets in advance to get their desired day and viewing time, he said.

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VAN GOGH: FIELDS

What: Twenty-two paintings, watercolors and five drawings all of fields by Vincent Van Gogh When: Sunday, Feb. 23, to Tuesday, March 18
Where: Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe St. at

Scottwood Avenue, west of the downtown business district, one block off I-75.

Exhibit hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Closed Monday.

Admission: \$10 adults, \$9 students and children over 5. Children under 5 admitted free.

Purchase tickets in advance, call (419) 255-8000 or visit

Programs

■ Contemporaries Evening - Go-Go with Van Gogh, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1

Party hosted by the Toledo Museum of Art Contemporaries. Enjoy food and music, \$75, call (419) 254-5771, Ext. 7494.

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