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Saul Steinberg "Mural of Cincinnati"

Cincinnati Art Museum
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The Paintings Department treated an 80-foot-long mural by artist and illustrator Saul Steinberg, creator of numerous iconic images for *The New Yorker* including the famous 1976 cover, "View of the World from 9th Avenue." Steinberg painted the mural for the original Cincinnati Terrace Plaza Hotel. It now belongs to the Cincinnati Art Museum and was showcased in conjunction with a major Steinberg retrospective in the summer of 2007.

The mural is in eight sections, with one-and-a-half sections lost during its original de-installation in the 1960s. It took five ICA paintings conservators over 1,500 hours to treat the enormous art work. Each section had a heavily discolored varnish removed by hand, using individual cotton swabs. A new backing support was added to each panel, allowing easier installation. The project was funded by a *Save America's Treasures* grant.