



Erie Art Museum

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December 29, 2016, Erie, Pennsylvania – The Erie Art Museum is pleased to present a new Bacon Gallery exhibition, *Earth Stories*. The show will run from January 20, 2017 through June 11, 2017.

Earth Stories is a traveling textile exhibit juried by quilt historian Dr. Carolyn L. Mazloomi and curated by Leni Levenson Wiener of Studio Art Quilt Associates. *Earth Stories* showcases work from 24 contemporary international fiber artists, each inspired by issues of environmental concern. Employing a variety of techniques including painting, dyeing, drawing, photo transfer, patchwork, collage, and appliqué into compositions that range from abstract to figurative to graphic, these artists stitch stories of social, economic, and geopolitical significance. This exhibit celebrates stories of people and projects working to protect and restore natural lands and endangered species, increase sustainability through new approaches to agriculture and energy consumption, and otherwise improve the planet in which we live.

Beyond admiration for the beauty, design, and technical skill displayed, juror Dr. Mazloomi hopes the exhibit will also “encourage dialogue, raise consciousness, and empower individuals and communities.” She writes, “The artworks challenge us to see the world we live in differently, with respect for the land and all that live within.”

Images available at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BxujzczjBP4eZTJfYVU2SG5nTEE>

About the Erie Art Museum

The Erie Art Museum anchors downtown Erie’s cultural and economic revitalization, occupying a group of restored mid-19th century commercial buildings and a modern, ‘Green,’ 10,500 square foot expansion. The newly expanded Museum marks the first LEED-certified building in the region, soon to be complete with a planted rooftop.

The Museum maintains an ambitious program of changing exhibitions annually, embracing a wide range of subjects, both historical and contemporary and including folk art, contemporary craft, multi-disciplinary installations, community-based work, as well as traditional media.

The Erie Art Museum also holds a collection of over 8,000 objects, which includes significant works in American ceramics, Tibetan painting, Indian bronzes, contemporary baskets, and a variety of other categories.

The Museum offers a wide range of education programs and artists' services including interdisciplinary and interactive school tours and a wide variety of classes for the community. Performing arts are showcased in the 25-year-old Contemporary Music Series, which represents national and international performers of serious music with an emphasis on composer/performers, and a popular annual two-day Blues & Jazz Festival.

The Erie Art Museum, café, and gift shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For additional visitor information, visit online at www.erieartmuseum.org or call 814-459-5477.

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