



Erie Art Museum

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## **EAM to open for extra hours on Monday, February 20**

*February 6, 2017, Erie, PA* – The Erie Art Museum will open its doors on President’s Day, Monday, February 20, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with free admission, donations encouraged.

On view are the new installation *Tin-Plated Dreams: Sculptures by William Brady, Jr.*, remarkable ceramic sculptures of *Sergei Isupov: Hidden Messages*, the recently installed art quilt exhibit *Earth Stories*, and the new “Kids as Curators” exhibit.

There will be a special Mid-Day Art Break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. featuring the jazz gurus, Ethnic Heritage Ensemble. Comprised of internationally renowned percussionist Kahil El’ Zabar with Corey Wilkes on trumpet and Alex Harding on baritone sax; the trio seamlessly combines the ancient rhythms of the past with new frontiers of improvisation. A fanfare of colors, sounds and rhythmical hipness, a performance by the Ethnic Heritage Ensemble is a celebration of deep jazz. Admission is free, with a \$15 donation encouraged. More information about the concert at this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B2nq5nl995zESGVPMDIUc3l0YVE?usp=sharing>

Call 459-5477 for more information or visit [www.erieartmuseum.org](http://www.erieartmuseum.org).

### **About the Erie Art Museum**

The Erie Art Museum anchors downtown Erie’s cultural and economic revitalization, occupying a group of restored mid-19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.erieartmuseum.org) or call 814-459-5477.

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