



# Erie Art Museum

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The art world exploded in the 1960s—with Pop, Op, Minimalism, Conceptualism, and variety of other movements—and Richard Bellamy was at the center of it. On March 23 at 7 p.m. the Erie Art Museum hosts author and curator Judith Stein and Erie resident Al Richardson for a discussion about Bellamy and his role in the development of American art.

Bellamy influenced the modern trajectory of the art world, but worked hard to stay relatively unknown throughout the process. Judith Stein's recent book, *Eye of the Sixties*, attempts to reverse this anonymity. Renowned for first recognizing and showcasing an amazing array of talent that included Claes Oldenburg, Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein, Bellamy's legacy is brought to light by Stein's vibrant portrayal of both the gallerist and the artistic culture of the time.

Joining Stein will be one of Bellamy's friends from childhood, Al Richardson, well known locally as a community activist and philanthropist who has been frequently recognized for his generous support of educational, environmental, and civic justice issues. Judith Stein holds a Ph.D. in art history from the University of Pennsylvania and an extensive curatorial resume. Her writing has appeared in *Art in America*, *Art News*, and *The New York Times Book Review*. She was previously an arts reviewer for National Public Radio's *Fresh Air* and *Morning Edition*. Along with Stein's multi-media presentation and readings there will be a conversation with Al Richardson about Bellamy.

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### About the Erie Art Museum

The Erie Art Museum anchors downtown Erie's cultural and economic revitalization, occupying a group of five restored mid-19<sup>th</sup> century commercial buildings tied together by a modern, 'green,' 10,500 square foot expansion. The new facility was the first LEED Gold certified building in the Northwest Pennsylvania.

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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 popular summer program, Mid Day Art Break, which presents a wide range of regional performers, and the popular annual two-day Erie Art Museum Blues & Jazz Festival, which presents outstanding national and international artists.

The Erie Art Museum 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. Winter hours for the Museum's Wave Café are 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For additional visitor information, visit online at [www.erieartmuseum.org](http://www.erieartmuseum.org) or call 814-459-5477.

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