

Dear Friends,

As autumn and winter approach, the shift from summer's heat to cooler, vibrant days invites us to embrace change and new experiences. In New England, this transition is marked by the stunning fall foliage. It's a time to reflect, reorient, and see the world around us with fresh eyes.

One artist who deftly embodies this concept of shifting perspectives is Vik Muniz. His work is celebrated for its ability to transform familiar materials into something entirely new and thought-provoking. Muniz's reimagining of classic images—like the Mona Lisa crafted in peanut butter and jelly, or a sandcastle etched onto the surface of a single grain of sand—challenges our traditional viewpoints and evokes a range of emotions, from amusement to awe and introspection.



This notion of perspective is also a core part of what makes art museums, like the NBMAA, so valuable. They offer us a chance to view the world through different lenses, encouraging us to explore the myriad ways in which human experiences are expressed and perceived, ultimately leading to a greater sense of understanding, empathy, and unity.

Fall also marks a time of gatherings and celebrations, and this year our very own Art Party of the Year, inspired by Vik Muniz, promises to be the swanky event of the season. Included with your VIP Experience ticket, Muniz will lead a private tour of his special exhibition, providing a unique opportunity to engage with his transformative work up close. Whether you attend the event in person on October 5 or participate through the auction at artpartyoftheyear.org, you'll be supporting a cause that promotes the power of art to shift perspectives and enrich our lives.

We're excited to welcome both returning guests and new faces to the Museum this season. Let's celebrate the beauty of diverse perspectives and the role of art in broadening our understanding of the world. Together.

Warm Regards,

Brett Abbott
Director and CEO