

Greetings,



Upon arrival in Connecticut this spring, my family and I were delighted by the abundant arts and culture opportunities available in the immediate Hartford Region and throughout the state. With so many venues concentrated in this one geographic area, families can effortlessly piece together myriad summer itineraries in their own backyard.

We here at the New Britain Museum of American Art are celebrating the Summer of the Family, full of arts-related fun, including Art Summer Nights and Summer Art Adventures (a late-summer half-day camp). We are thrilled to once again welcome families for free as part of the Connecticut Summer at the Museum initiative, thanks to the Department of Economic and Community Development, in partnership with the Office of the Governor, Connecticut State Department of Education, Office of Early Childhood, and Connecticut Humanities.

As Members, you often share fond memories of bringing your children and grandchildren to the Museum, and many of you remember coming here as a child. Thank you for being a Member, and I hope you find opportunities this summer to share our galleries with this next generation—instilling a love of the arts into their hearts and exposing them to new perspectives.

We are continuing our goal of building Museum Membership this year. Members are a vital part of the Museum's success, and I thank each and every one of you for your support. I ask you to encourage your peers to consider becoming Members along with gifting family Memberships throughout the year. In addition to the wonderful community and family programs, there are many learning opportunities for adults this summer, including a robust list of lectures, classes, social events, and live musical performances inspired by the special exhibition *30 Americans*, which we are honored to present through October 30.

Whether you are creating lasting memories with your family or igniting your own creativity with adult educational programs, I look forward to seeing you all taking full advantage of the many offerings at the Museum this summer.

Brett Abbott
Director and CEO