

Dear Friends,

The NBMAA has been bustling with activity throughout the winter months and we look ahead with excitement to a new season of opportunity and growth. Signs of spring can already be found in our galleries, with the arrival of Louise Jones's botanical wall mural in the LeWitt Family Staircase and our acclaimed presentation of *The Beyond: Georgia O'Keeffe and Contemporary Art*, featuring over three dozen works by O'Keeffe alongside works by contemporary artists who are inspired by her legacy. Join us for engaging exhibition-related programs before they sell out!

This season brings an array of new exhibitions to our galleries, including our forthcoming *NEW/NOW* presentation featuring artist Pablo Helguera, whose installation draws inspiration from our permanent collection, the history of New Britain, and his experience as an immigrant. We also look forward to three student art exhibitions showcasing work by New Britain, Plainville, and Berlin residents. While student groups visit the Museum all year, the galleries are remarkably full during the spring, with over 2,000 students and teachers visiting each month. Our musical offerings are especially rich in the coming months: in April, our second year of the Walnut Hill Jazz Series will conclude with a performance by local jazz legends, and Mother's Day will feature a special jazz brunch. In June, a ten-piece dance band will play at First Friday, and our Museum After Dark will feature a Brazilian quartet, as well as local distillery samplings and food by Mofungo Restaurant of New Britain.

I look forward to seeing many of you on May 4, when we celebrate and raise funds for our educational programs at the Annual Art Party of the Year. Be sure to visit the museum the week prior to view available artworks and place your bid at [artpartyoftheyear.org](http://artpartyoftheyear.org). Thank you again to our Gala Committee, led by Trustee Cynthia Cooper, and to all of you for your support.

With warm regards,

Min Jung Kim, Director and CEO