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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO OFFER FREE ADMISSION ON COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 14, 2013 from 10AM-5PM

ALBANY, NY- The Albany Institute of History & Art will offer FREE admission to the museum on Monday, October 14, 2013 from 10AM-5PM. Gallery Talks will take place at 11AM and 2PM and there will be Drop-In Art Making in the art studio from 10AM-4:30PM. This Holiday Monday free admission day is sponsored by M&T Bank.

Guests of all ages are invited to spend the day viewing several new exhibitions, GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies; Big and Bold: Contemporary Paintings, Collage, and Sculpture from the Albany Institute's Collection (in the recently renovated Lansing Gallery); and The Hudson River School and the Nineteenth-Century Landscape. Additional exhibitions include, Traders and Culture: Colonial Albany and the Formation of American Identity; Nineteenth-Century American Sculpture: Erastus Dow Palmer and His Protégés Launt Thompson, Charles Calverley, and Richard Park (in the recently renovated Sculpture Court); Robert Hewson Pruyn: An Albanian in Japan, 1862-1865; and A Gather of Glass: Selections from the Museum's Collection. Gallery Talks, led by museum docents, will start at 11AM and 2PM, and are also free.

Families are encouraged to visit and create Egyptian-inspired artwork in the Institute's art studio. Anyone interested in making art in the studio should dress for mess! There is also an interactive education gallery offering hands-on activities. These activities are offered for free as part of this special Holiday Monday.

The Albany Institute is open Wednesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM, Thursday until 8PM, and Sunday Noon-5PM. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and some holidays. Admission is FREE for Albany Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

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The Albany Institute's distinguished collections and acclaimed exhibitions comprise the definitive expression of the cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. From its world-renowned Hudson River School collection, to the famous Albany Mummies, to the wide range of lectures, outstanding educational and family programming, and special events, this distinctive and engaging institution provides visitors of all ages and interests with a splendid museum experience. One of America's oldest museums, the Albany Institute of History & Art was founded in 1791, during the presidency of George Washington, making it older than the Louvre, the Smithsonian, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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