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HAVE A BIG + BOLD SCHOOL VACATION AT THE ALBANY INSTITUTE

ALBANY, NY –Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to spend their week off from school on a Big + Bold art exploration adventure at the Albany Institute of History & Art. This three-day Vacation Art Break will spark creativity and excitement in participants and expose them to contemporary art and artists. The program runs from Tuesday, February 18 through Thursday, February 20 from 9AM to Noon.

Children will explore the Institute's new installation of contemporary art, BIG + BOLD, and be inspired by these artists to create two- and three-dimensional works from a variety of mediums, tools, and techniques, while examining and applying the elements and principles of design. Topics include soft sculpture, big paint, and collage/assemblage.

Tuition for each day/each child is \$15 for Albany Institute members or \$20 for general public. Tuition includes materials and museum admission. Registration is required and space is limited. Register online at www.albanyinstitute.org or contact Barbara Collins, Education Coordinator, at (518) 463-4478 ext. 405.

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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. Thursday evenings (5PM-8PM) are now FREE at the Albany Institute! For more information and a listing of our upcoming events, please visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

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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