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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS FOR SPECIAL GALLERY TALK

February 27, 2014, 6PM-8PM

ALBANY, NY- On Thursday, February 27, 2014, the Albany Institute of History & Art will host a special gallery talk with some of the artists featured in the exhibition **BIG + BOLD: Contemporary Paintings, Sculpture, and Collage** from the Albany Institute's Collection. Artists such as Marcia Clark, Abraham Ferraro, David Miller, Chester Rose, Thomas Sarrantonio, Susan Stuart, and Leigh Wen will share their insights and discuss the role of contemporary art at the Albany Institute of History & Art. The program starts at 6PM. This event is free and open to the public as part of the Institute's *Evening at the Institute* initiative where the museum is open for free from 5PM-8PM on Thursday nights.

The **BIG + BOLD** exhibition features works that captivate with visual bravado, allurements, and in some cases audacity. Most of the works on view were purchase prizes selected by the Albany Institute from the annual Exhibition by Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region. Founded in 1936, this annual juried exhibition is one of the longest running regional art exhibitions in the country. Highlighting the works of artists living and working in the upper Hudson Valley, the Mohawk Hudson Regional has played an important role in documenting the rich and diverse artistic activity in the area. The pieces included in this exhibition were made by professors and graduates from area colleges and universities, such as Skidmore College, the College of Saint Rose, and the University at Albany, SUNY.

BIG + BOLD is on view at the Albany Institute of History & Art through Sunday, April 20, 2014. The museum is located at 125 Washington Avenue in downtown Albany, New York. The museum is open Wednesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM, Thursdays until 8PM and Sunday Noon-5PM. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is FREE for Albany Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. Admission is free on Thursday nights (5PM-8PM). 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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