

# ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

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## NEWS

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## PERCUSSION WORKSHOP INVITES FAMILIES TO MAKE MUSIC AT MUSEUM

ALBANY, NY— The Albany Institute of History & Art invites families to a special workshop “Introduction to the World of Percussion and Rhythm” at the museum on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 1pm.

Percussionist Brian Melick will lead participants in an exciting exploration of over 40 different types of drums. Visitors will learn about the history of percussion instruments and how they vary around the world.

Space is limited and registration is required. The fee is \$5 per child, which includes museum admission. Adult companions do not need to register in advance and may buy regular admission tickets at the door. Registration may be done online at [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) or over the phone at (518) 463-4478 ext 435.

This hands-on event is inspired by the museum’s current exhibition Rock & Roll Icons: Photographs by Patrick Harbron, which is open through February 12, 2017.

Brian Melick is a professional percussionist and educator from Ravena, New York. Melick recently displayed his LEGO® drum kit at the Albany Institute of History & Art in a special exhibition as part of family programming for the Rock & Roll Icons exhibition. In addition to his broad professional experience, he also works with local schools and organizations on special workshops. More information can be found on his website: [www.uduboy.com](http://www.uduboy.com).

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The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. Free parking is available in the museum's lot at the corner of Elk and Dove Streets.

The exhibition galleries, Museum Shop, and Crisan Café at the Albany Institute are open Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday noon-5pm. In addition, the café and museum shop are open Tuesdays from 10am-5pm. The Research Library is open on Thursdays from 1pm-4:30pm and by appointment.

Current admission rates are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, \$6 for children aged 6-12, and free for children under 6. Albany Institute members are admitted for free. There is no charge to visit the café or museum shop. The museum offers free admission to the galleries on Thursdays from 5pm-8pm and on the First Fridays of the month from 5pm-8pm. To learn about other discounts and free admission days, please refer to the Visit section of [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org).

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Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art is New York's oldest museum. Its collections document the Hudson Valley as a crossroads of culture, influencing the art and history of the region, the state, and the nation. With more than 35,000 objects and one million documents in the library, it is an important resource for the region, giving our community a sense of the part the Hudson Valley played in the American story, and our own place in history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions are open year-round and create a sense of place, allowing visitors to meet the people who helped shape this region. Among the museum's best-known and most-loved collections are the 19<sup>th</sup> century Hudson River School landscape paintings by artists like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, the 19<sup>th</sup> century sculpture collections, and, of course, the famous Albany Mummies that came to the museum in 1909 and have been on view ever since. For more information, please visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) and be sure to follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute](http://www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute)) and Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute).