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ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART HONORS PHOEBE POWELL BENDER AT 2018 MUSEUM GALA

The event took place at the museum on Saturday, June 16, 2018

ALBANY, NEW YORK — On Saturday, June 16, 2018, over 275 guests celebrated Phoebe Powell Bender at the Albany Institute's 2018 Museum Gala. This year's gala was *At the Museum, For the Museum*, and for the first time in many years, guests enjoyed cocktails on the lawn, dinner and pop-up exhibitions in the galleries, and dessert and entertainment under the stars.

Phoebe Powell Bender was the 2018 Museum Gala honoree. Recognized as an immensely accomplished and devoted volunteer within the non-profit community, Phoebe has worked tirelessly with countless boards and organizations to support the arts, public policy and reproductive health for over 50 years. Her dedication to volunteer work is especially evident from her longstanding history with the Albany Institute, which first began in 1962 when she became a member of its Women's Council. She joined the Board in 1983, was elected vice president in 1984, and served as president from 1986 to 1991, making her the first woman president of the museum since 1791. Today, she remains a dedicated supporter of the Institute as an associate member of the Board and library volunteer.

The annual gala is Albany Institute's largest fundraiser in support of its exhibitions and educational programs.



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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 the Museum 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 discounts and free admission days, please refer to the Visit section of www.albanyinstitute.org. For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

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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 19th century Hudson River School landscape paintings by artists like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, the 19th 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 and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute), Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute), and Instagram (albanyinstitute).

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