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Fine Art & Flowers Returns to the Wadsworth Atheneum
April 29–May 1, 2022

Hartford, Conn. (April 13, 2022)—The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art presents the 39th Annual Fine Art & Flowers Friday, April 29–Sunday, May 1. The Wadsworth’s signature springtime fundraiser, Fine Art & Flowers is a three-day event that celebrates the season with displays of floral arrangements created by local florists, garden clubs, and interior designers showcased throughout the museum alongside the artworks that inspired them.

The popular event returns after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. Tickets are available now via thewadsworth.org. A $5 fundraising surcharge is added to all museum admissions during Fine Art & Flowers.

“Not only do the creative floral interpretations welcome spring to the museum, they invite a fresh look at many popular works of art in our collection,” said Jeffrey N. Brown, CEO & Director of the Wadsworth. “There couldn’t be a better time to enjoy a visit to the Wadsworth this month.”
Admission to the museum during Fine Art & Flowers includes the following special programs which offer opportunities to see floral demonstrations, enjoy live music, and participate in a family friendly artmaking activity.

**Friday, April 29**

12:30pm | **Gallery Talk** in *Milton Avery* with curator Erin Monroe, meet by the Museum Shop
1pm | **Designers Challenge**, Avery Court. Watch floral designers face off in a friendly challenge to create unique arrangements from the same materials.

**Saturday, April 30**

Noon–2pm | **Family Artmaking**: Botanical Accessories, Hartford Courant Room
2–5pm | **Jazz music** performed by pianist Mary DiPaola and bassist Nat Reeves, Avery Court

**Sunday, May 1**

2pm | **Presentation by Dr. Diane Suda**, in the theater. Explore the sophisticated and contemporary style of Ikebana, the Japanese art of arranging floral material. Ikebana visual artist Diane Atsuko Suda leads a demonstration of the creation of floral arrangements in the Ikebana style. Registration is required. Visit thewadsworth.org for more information.
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For more information and to view a full schedule of programs and events visit thewadsworth.org.

Fine Art & Flowers is presented by the Friends of the Wadsworth Atheneum. Founded in 1950, the Friends of the Wadsworth Atheneum, formerly the Women’s Committee, is a group of dedicated volunteers who help ensure the vitality of the museum for generations to come. Since their inception, the Friends of the Wadsworth Atheneum have raised over one million dollars in financial support for the museum and have generously donated countless volunteer hours, contributing to nearly every area of the museum’s operation. In addition to Fine Art & Flowers, the Friends of the Wadsworth Atheneum organize the annual Festival of Trees & Traditions and Day Art Tour bus trips.

**About the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art**

Founded in 1842 with a vision for infusing art into the American experience, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is home to a collection of nearly 50,000 works of art spanning 5,000 years and encompassing European art from antiquity through contemporary as well as American art from the 1600s to today. The Wadsworth Atheneum’s five connected buildings—representing architectural styles including Gothic Revival, modern International Style, and 1960s Brutalism—are located at 600 Main Street in Hartford, Conn.

Current hours are noon–5pm Thursday–Sunday. Visitors are required to wear a face mask/covering while inside the museum. Berkins on Main café hours are noon–4pm Thursday–Sunday. The library and Austin House are currently closed to the public. Admissions during Fine Art & Flowers are: $20 adults; $17 seniors; $10 students; $5 members, Hartford residents, and youth under 18 years of age. Admission during the museum's daily "happy hour" from 4–5pm will cost $5 for all visitors during Fine Art & Flowers. Advance ticket registration via thewadsworth.org is encouraged, not required. Phone: (860) 278-2670; website: thewadsworth.org.

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