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CT Humanities Awards $21,000 Grant to the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

Hartford, Conn. (April 6, 2023) — The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art has been awarded a $21,100 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant by Connecticut Humanities (CTH). These grants are part of a two-year, $30.7 million investment in arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits by the CT General Assembly.

“Continuing support such as this is integral to our ability to care for the outstanding works of art in our collections and see to it that the stories they represent are shared with as many people as possible. In this way, this funding directly benefits residents in communities across our state and far beyond,” said Jeff Brown, CEO of the Wadsworth Atheneum.

The grant will support efforts to draw an increasing number of visitors to the Wadsworth, the city of Hartford, and Connecticut, and growing the museum’s membership base, cultivating an ever-more active and engaged community in the state. CT Cultural Fund Operating Support funds will benefit marketing initiatives designed to expand awareness of the welcoming and inclusive experience made possible at the Wadsworth through relevant public programs and events, significant exhibitions, comprehensive interpretation, and exceptional educational offerings.

“This grant supports our ongoing commitment to reaching broader audiences close to home, drawing people to the heart of Connecticut, even as we highlight our renowned collections nationally and internationally,” states Brown.

The Wadsworth was one of 723 organizations in Connecticut receiving a CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant. CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants are provided from CT Humanities, with funding from the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.

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’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. Admission: $5–15; discounts for members, students, and seniors. Free admission for Hartford residents with Wadsworth Welcome registration. Free “happy hour” admission 4–5pm. Advance ticket registration via thewadsworth.org is encouraged, not required. Phone: (860) 278-2670; website: thewadsworth.org

About Connecticut Humanities
CT Humanities (CTH) is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. CTH connects people to the humanities through grants, partnerships, and collaborative programs. CTH projects, administration, and program development are supported by state and federal matching funds, community foundations, and gifts from private sources. Learn more by visiting cthumanities.org.

About Connecticut Office of the Arts
The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) is the state agency charged with fostering the health of Connecticut’s creative economy. Part of the state’s Department of Economic and Community Development, the COA is funded by the State of Connecticut and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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