



# The New Britain Museum of American Art

## Friday, January 31, 2025

**8:45 am** – Arrive at the Museums’ State Street parking lot located directly across the street from the Springfield City Library, 220 State Street. Park in the lot and board the bus at the curbside.

**Departure at 9 am sharp.**

**10 am** - Estimated arrival. Enjoy a guided highlights tour of the New Britain Museum of American Art’s extensive collection and special exhibit *Modern Women: Visionary Artists*. This installation features seven women whose participation in the Abstract Expressionist movement contributed to the advance of modern art. At a time when social norms hindered professional advancement for most women, artists such as Joan Brown, Helen Frankenthaler, Grace Hartigan, Lee Krasner, Joan Mitchell, and Louise Nevelson expanded the conceptual scope and technical possibilities of what art could be. This exhibition is the first in a series of long-term loans coming to the New Britain Museum of American Art from American art collections across the country. Works in this exhibition are from the collections of the Whitney Museum of American Art and Art Bridges as part of Art Bridges’ Partner Loan Network program.

Also on view, the special exhibit *Vik Muniz* features work by Vik Muniz (Brazilian-American, born 1961). Distinguished as one of the most innovative and creative artists of our time, Muniz harnesses a remarkable virtuosity in creating his renowned “photographic delusions.”

Important examples of the New Britain Museum’s collection in every genre include Colonial and Federal portraits, Hudson River School, later nineteenth-century works by Winslow Homer, Thomas Eakins, Mary Cassatt, John Singer Sargent, J. Alden Weir and Frank Benson. Of note is an important mural series *The Arts of Life in America* by Thomas Hart Benton. The collection extends into the twentieth century, from American Abstract Artists through Pop Art and Photo-realism.

**Lunch is included at the museum** featuring an assortment of sandwiches/wraps with chips, a dessert, coffee and bottled water included.

**2:30 pm** – Meet the bus and depart for Springfield with an estimated return by **3:30 pm**.

**What to bring:** Dress in layers for variable temperatures on the bus and the museum. Water is provided for the ride home.

**Photography policy:** Art objects in the New Britain Museum’s permanent collection may be photographed without a flash.

**Cost:** \$145, Members, \$170, nonmembers; includes timed and general admission, bus travel and driver tip.