

Dear Friends,

As one of the oldest museums dedicated to American art in the country, the New Britain Museum of American Art is proud to have served as a cultural institution of learning and a pillar of the New Britain community for the last 119 years. Although the Museum is currently closed due to coronavirus, it is my firm belief that this will continue to remain true throughout these uncertain times. Day by day, we remain dedicated to achieving our mission, stewarding our collection, facility and donors, and discovering new ways to raise awareness of and support for the NBMAA.

In many respects, even as we have maintained social distancing and begun to work remotely, our talented and committed staff have united together to rise to this occasion. Through the past months we have worked to enhance online access to the Museum's collections, exhibitions, and programs, and created new virtual learning materials for educators as well as students of all ages, now available at: nbmaa.org/online. Following this theme of connectedness, through our new online digital resources we hope to bring together families of the community, and those of you sheltering in your homes.

Additionally, we are continuing our commitment to our ongoing 2020/20+ Women @ NBMAA initiative. We are pleased to now provide video walkthroughs of special exhibitions, including *In Thread and On Paper: Anni Albers in Connecticut*, and *Kara Walker: Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War (Annotated)*. Please also enjoy our new online series of Curatorial Chats, which provide insight to the lives and work of female artists in the Museum's permanent collection. We look forward to presenting our robust 2020/20+ Women @ NBMAA exhibition program in full and, to ensure that we can bring these groundbreaking presentations to realization, are exploring the possibility of extending these exhibitions into 2021. Please visit our website for updates.

We will continue to monitor the evolving status to ensure the safest possible conditions for our community, and look forward to once again welcoming you to the Museum in the near future. Until then, I wish you health, wellness, and thank you for your ongoing support.

Warmly,

Min Jung Kim

Director and CEO