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Zillman Art Museum (ZAM) announces New Exhibition

BANGOR – The Zillman Art Museum - University of Maine, located at 40 Harlow Street in Bangor, ME, opens a new exhibition that will run May 19 through September 2, 2023. ZAM is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am - 5 pm and brings modern and contemporary art to the region, presenting approximately 21 original exhibitions each year. Admission to the Zillman Art Museum is free in 2023 thanks to the generosity of Birchbrook.

Young Curators 2023: Signs of Life

May 19 - September 2, 2023

The Zillman Art Museum is delighted to welcome back the Young Curators after a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This innovative program provides high school students with the opportunity to experience the inner workings of an art museum and to collaborate as a group to create an exhibition from the Museum's permanent collection. In addition to selecting artworks from ZAM's collection, each Young Curator researches and writes about the artist and artwork that they chose.

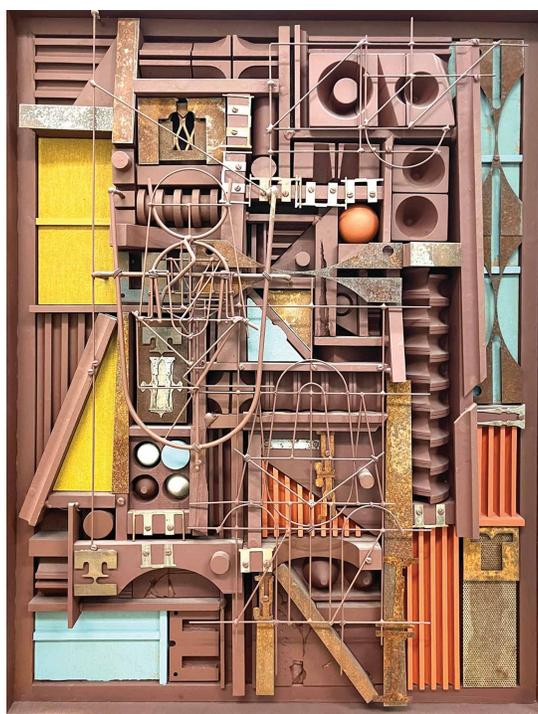
Signs of Life highlights many of the things we encounter every day - nature and humanity and signs of life. For some in the group, the theme relates to the vibrancy of Spring and a renewed sense of existence, while others felt that it signified the uniqueness of people and the ability to communicate and employ art for expression. Two of the curatorial unifiers of the exhibition are the energy and movement found in the various artworks.

Most of the offerings are prints: lithographs, screen-prints, and woodcuts—the outlier being Abe Ajay's sculptural wall piece, *Construction #689*, its mechanical nature epitomizing the artist's inspiration to create from natural sources.

2023 Young Curators:

Cody Fortier, Brewer
Nora Marasco, Bangor
Lilly McBreairty, Bangor
Lainey Thai, Bangor

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ABE AJAY American, 1919 - 1998
Construction 286, 1986
Mixed media