

Bates College Museum of Art

Mission Statement

As a teaching museum at a liberal arts college, the Museum of Art and its exhibitions, collections, stewardship, and interpretation bring a world of ideas to campus that enhance the vitality of the intellectual and cultural life of Bates, the surrounding communities, and beyond.

The MoA fulfills its mission by:

- **Exhibitions:** Serving as a laboratory for thought-provoking exhibitions, art production, critical discussion, and scholarship;
- **Collections:** Acquiring and providing stewardship to artworks that strengthen the collection and support the museum's educational mission;
- **Educational Programming:** Developing and implementing a wide variety of art-based, interdisciplinary programs that are integral to the education of Bates students, and within the broader community, include a special emphasis on K-12 students;
- **Scholarship:** Supporting creative, rigorous, and original scholarship; and
- **Leadership Development:** Providing professional training through career-focused internships, and cultivating leadership through formal engagement with the museum as scholars, artists, educators, and interns.