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**Hand in Hand**
The Visual Arts as a Means of Social and Political Propaganda, Protest and Commentary.
March 28 – May 20, 2017

“What a Frightful Spectacle!”:
Lithographs of Honoré Daumier

This exhibition surveys Daumier’s life’s work of satirical observations of aristocrats, politicians and the ‘average Joe’ caught up in the tumultuous civic transformations of 19th century Paris.

Honoré Daumier spent a long career, from around 1830 until the 1870s, drawing nearly 4,000 illustrations for satirical Parisian journals Le Caricature and La Charivari, both published by Daumier’s lifelong collaborator Charles Philipon. Daumier produced lithographs that satirized society, the bourgeoisie, political corruption and even King Louis-Philippe which led to his brief imprisonment in 1832.

In this illustration detail, an anthropomorphic stalk of sugar cane berates a rather defeated-looking sugar beet. Several days before this editorial cartoon appeared in the newspaper, France passed a law drastically reducing the tariffs on sugar cane imported from French colonies. Considered a blow to European-grown sugar beets—represented by the knocked-down beet—the laws were seen at the time to be politically motivated.
Afterward, Daumier traded political commentary for social satire, as human foibles were also a bottomless source of inspiration.

Daumier worked in series and his topics ranged from Actualités (News of the Day), Professeurs et Moutards (Teachers and Students), Les Gens de Justice (Lawyers and Judges), Bas Bleu (Liberated Women) and Bons Bourgeois (The Sedentary Middle Class). This exhibition includes examples of his early political satire, social commentary and finally a return to political satire under a different regime many years later.

**Theoretical Mockery: Satirical Prints by Sidney Chafetz**

Sidney Chafetz's prints often incorporated puns, jokes, and humor to satirize subjects from current political events and his life on a Midwestern college campus. Chafetz was a well-known artist, leading the printmaking program at Ohio State University.

For Chafetz, being an artist meant, "using satire to stab at pomposity, whether in my own field of academe or in our political world." His tools were the traditional printmaking media of woodcut and etching, used in a deceptively simple and direct manner—with powerful graphic results.

Chafetz prints can be found in the collections of the National Woodblock Institute of Tokyo, Japan, the Library of Congress, the Museum of Modern Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Columbus Museum of Art in Ohio.

**Over the Top to Victory!**

Exploring government-sponsored posters issued during the First World War, this exhibition contrasts the social satire seen in the other exhibitions with propaganda images from the early 20th century. The visual language used in these posters communicates a view of patriotism, national identity, and heroism to dramatic effect.

Without television or internet, the war-time posters of the period relied on the accomplished illustrators of the burgeoning commercial advertising field as well as professional artists to produce compelling and persuasive images to motivate an entire country behind the war effort. The various subjects and wide-ranging styles give a glimpse into the visual landscape of the American home front during World War I. This exhibition includes popular posters illustrated by well-known artists and illustrators of the time including James Montgomery Flagg, Joseph C. Leyendecker, Sidney H. Riesenberg, and William Henry Coffin.

**A Tale of Donkeys and Elephants; Satire with the Wink of a Fox**

Political cartoons are part and parcel of the American experience that have been used since colonial times to succinctly express, in visual form, differing points of view on complex socio-political concerns. Using a variety of illustrative devices and mediums, political cartoons comment on current events, personalities, and issues in hopes of influencing the populace’s opinion and action.
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**Staff Announcements**

Museum Director Jo Burke will be presented with the 2017 Presidential Supportive Professional Staff Award for Excellence in a ceremony in April. The Award of Excellence recognizes and honors four individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the university. The Award Ceremony and presentation will be Wednesday, April 12, in the Holmes Student Center Ballroom from 2 – 4 p.m. and is open to the public. Please join us in congratulating Jo!

MFA printmaking student Milicent Kennedy will have her senior thesis show, Dreams Are What You Wake Up From in Gallery 214 in the School of Art and Design, Jack Arens Hall. His show opens Monday, April 3 with closing reception Thursday, April 6 from 6-8 p.m. Newton will graduate this May.

Diane Rodgers, Associate Professor of Sociology, recently appeared in the NIU Northern Star’s Best of DeKalb 2017 as the Best Professor in DeKalb. Voted by students, the “Best” rankings were tallied and appeared in a February insert in the university’s student paper. Rodgers serves on the Art Museum’s Exhibition Committee assisting with exhibition decisions and planning. Rodgers teaches courses on Social Theory and Contemporary Social Institutions. Congratulations Diane!

Zeinab Saab, MFA printmaking student, recently exhibited her work in two national shows. The first, a solo show in Cleveland entitled Rituals at the Loftworks Gallery and the second, in a group show at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. Saab was also recently accepted into the Artlink Gallery group show in Fort Wayne, Indiana for the 37th Annual National Print Exhibition.

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**The NIU Art Museum Receives Gift of Art**

Generous donor and NIU alumnus Lee Holt (67) from California has donated portions of his art collection of prints, paintings, and drawings to the NIU Art Museum—25 pieces in total. Included in the gift were several pastels on paper by fellow NIU Alumnus Thom Kapheim (67). Other works from Holt’s donation of art significantly added to the Art Museum’s large holdings of prints by David Driesbach, a former printmaking professor in the School of Art at NIU. The gift also included prints and drawings by artists including: Paul Cezanne, Mauricio Lasansky, Hokusai, and Peter Max.

A few selected works from Holt’s gift were recently hung in the Vice President of University Advancement and CEO of the NIU Foundation Catherine Squires’ office. “The idea came with the notion that this is a great office—warm and with wonderful views of the campus and passing students. It has a vibrancy for alumni who meet with me that evokes memories of their time here and reminds them of what is special about NIU which is important in the process of giving back,” Squires noted. She is grateful to be able to highlight the “spectacular generosity of donors and the exceptional talent of our current students and gifted alumni. The art work on display in my office helps tell that story and enhances the campus experience for visitors to my office."

This installation is made possible through the Art Museum’s Art to Lend, an on-campus artwork rental program for secured areas and offices at the university. Interested parties may enroll in the program during our annual Art to Lend exhibition each summer. This year’s annual selection period begins July 10th and runs through July 14th with the exhibition of eligible work at the Art Museum. More information on the program including our loan policy, fees and restrictions may be found on our website niu.edu/artmuseum/collections/art2lend.shtml. SH Photo on page 6.

**Collection Spotlight**

Robert Middaugh was a Chicago-born artist who made quietly surreal and fantastic still life images in the vein of Giorgio de Chirico. Middaugh engaged with the history of still life painting through his meticulous rendering of scientific or unusually shaped glassware and the suggestion of alchemical processes.

Bittersweet Street showcases Middaugh’s technical skill and his penchant for playfully metaphysical scenes. Here, a wagon made of an unidentifiable material formed into soft curves and gradually protruding shapes appears benevolently extraterrestrial in origin.

Within the unattended three-wheeled wagon sit six evenly placed bottles, each bottle filled with differing levels of opaque liquids. These glass bottles, a common object throughout Middaugh’s works, are curiously parked outside of a storefront, the inside of which showcases in contrast with the smooth curvature of the bottles and wagon, jagged box-like forms whose purpose remains hidden. Though emptied or perhaps relieved of any human presence, the bottles in contrast with the boxes appear to have their own manner of silently relating to one another. CN Photo on page 6.
Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 6
Public Reception
5 – 6:40 p.m., NIU Art Museum

Visual Commentary: The Art of American Political Cartoons
Lecture by Kerry Freedman, Professor and Division Head, Art + Design Education, NIU.
6:45-7:30 p.m., Altgeld Hall 315

Saturday, April 8
Curators’ Gallery Talk with Peter Olson, Museum Assistant Director and Graduate Assistant Millicent Kennedy.
1-2 p.m., Art Museum Galleries

Monday, April 10
Bite of the Print: A Medium Well Suited for Social Commentary
View prints from the collection with Museum Assistant Director Peter Olson.
2-3 p.m., Art Museum Galleries

Wednesday, April 12
Roundtable Discussion with the Northern Star Cartoonists
5-6 p.m., Altgeld Hall 315

Thursday, April 13
Docent Tour with the student curators of A Tale of Donkeys and Elephants noon-1 p.m., Art Museum Galleries

Thursday, April 13
Daumier’s France: Politics, Satire and Sociability
Lecture by NIU’s Emma Kuby, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Brian Sandberg, Associate Professor, Department of History and Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Affairs for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
6:15-7:30 p.m., Altgeld Hall 315

Wednesday, April 19
The Evolution of Editorial Cartooning: Changes in Media and Messages
Guest lecture by Dr. Edward Lordan, Professor, Department of Communication Studies, West Chester University, PA
5-6 p.m., Altgeld Hall 315

Saturday, April 22
Color Your Politics
Be an illustrator for an afternoon and color cartoons from the exhibition! All ages, children under 9 with supervision. Pre-registration required.
2-4 p.m., Art Museum Galleries

For questions or more information on the events at the NIU Art Museum please phone 815-753-1936 or email the Education Coordinator at shenn1@niu.edu.

(Friday, May 5)
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Saturday, May 6
Open Late for Artigras!
The annual NIU and DeKalb Celebration of the Arts. Visit niu.edu/artigras/12 – 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 7
A Friends of the NIU Art Museum Member’s Only Curator’s Talk with Museum Assistant Director Peter Olson along with Francophile and independent researcher Rich Rice who will present Goguettes, Goguettiers, and Some Popular Verse in Daumier’s Paris.
Watch for your invitation by mail. Not a current Member? Join or renew now to attend!

Thursday, May 11
Curators’ Gallery Talk with Peter Olson, Museum Assistant Director and Graduate Assistant Millicent Kennedy.
noon-1 p.m., Art Museum Galleries

Thursday, May 11
The Partisan Duopoly in US House Elections: An Analysis of Minor Party Failure
Lecture by Scot Schraufnagel, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science.
5-6 p.m., Altgeld Hall 315

(RE)PRESENTING GUATEMALA

Thursday, April 13
Representing Revolutionary Campesino Politics in Guatemala’s 1950 Huelga de Dolores
Matt Maletz, History Ph.D. Candidate, NIU
5-6 p.m., Latino Resource Center
Thursday, May 18
**Film Screening of Inspector General**
Henry Koster’s musical comedy starring Danny Kaye set in the period of the First French Empire follows a fool who is mistaken as an investigator in disguise by the town’s corrupt officials. (1949, 100 minutes.) Doors open 6:30 p.m., screening 7–9 p.m., Egyptian Theatre, 135 N. Second St., DeKalb $7 Adults, $5 Members/Students.

Programs are subject to additions and changes. Please check our website for current information.

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**Wednesday, May 3**
**Vonnegut’s Odyssey and the Ed Paschke Art Center**
Enjoy a visit to the Polish Museum of America to view their permanent exhibitions and then visit Vonnegut’s Odyssey at the National Veterans Art Museum. The exhibition explores the story of a veteran’s return from combat through the artwork of World War II veteran and famed author Kurt Vonnegut Jr. His illustrations of his post-war experience documents the process of returning home. We will also visit the Ed Paschke Art Center dedicated to this Polish-American and Chicago artist that serves as a place of creativity. Finally, dine at Smako, a family-owned Polish restaurant in the neighborhood. **RSVP by 3/27.**

Departure: 1 p.m. Expected Return: 8:30 p.m. Price: Museum Members $20; Non-Member Adult $30; Non-Member Student/Senior $25. Ticket price includes transportation. Meals and incidentals not included.

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**Saturday, June 10, 2017**
**Friends of Friends co-sponsored Trip to Printers Row Lit Fest**
The Friends of the DeKalb Public Library, The Friends of the University Libraries, and the Friends of the NIU Art Museum are coming together for a trip to Chicago’s 32nd Annual Printers Row Lit Fest (formerly Printers Row Book Fair). This two-day celebration of all things literary includes an outdoor book fair with over 200 booksellers from across the country displaying new, used and antiquarian books and a literature festival jam packed with readings, discussions and presentations by almost as many authors and publicists. The Printers Row Lit Fest takes place over five city blocks of historic Dearborn Avenue, between Congress and Polk. Plenty of food vendors and local eateries. Get up close to hear your favorite authors. The Printers Row Lit Fest is the largest free literary event in the Midwest drawing over 120,000 book-lovers to the two day celebration. Let’s get a large group of our local bibliophiles together so we can get a big comfy bus! **RSVP by 5/23.**

Become a Member – Become a Friend - and help support your local and University Libraries and Art Museum.

Departure: 8:30 a.m. Expected Return: 8:30 p.m. Price: Member of two or more Friends’ Programs $20; Member of one Friends’ Program $25; Non-Member $30. Ticket price includes transportation. Meals and incidentals not included. Three pick up locations: Campus, DeKalb, and Fox Valley.

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**Sunday, September 10 – Friday, September 15, 2017**
**Paducah and Louisville, Kentucky Get-on-the-Bus OVERNIGHTER!**
With stops in Mt. Vernon, Illinois and Columbus, New Harmony, and French Lick, Indiana. Arts and architecture highlights include: Cedarhurst Art Fair, National Quilt Museum, Richard Meier’s Athenaeum, Philip Johnson’s Roofless Church, the West Baden Springs Hotel (“8th Wonder of the World”), Columbus Moderns by Eliel and Eero Saarinen and the Miller House and Garden; the recently remodeled Speed Art Museum, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, a bit of bourbon and some Derby Pie. **Sign-up early if interested; Our overnight trips fill fast! Stay tuned! Pricing to come.**

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**Pre-registration and payment required for all Get-on-the-Bus excursions. To sign-up, please contact the NIU Art Museum by phoning 815-753-1936. Payment may be made with cash, check made out to NIU, or major credit card over the phone.**
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The Museum would like to extend a special thanks to the following volunteers and individuals for their continued support. Michael Bennett for framing and construction assistance. Jitka Hurych and Terri Smialek for their research and planning assistance on this season’s bus trips.

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Additional Spring exhibition support provided by Northern Illinois University’s: Art History Division in the School of Art and Design; the Department of Communications; the Department of History; and the Interdisciplinary Certification of Graduate Study in Museum Studies and students in Art 656: Museum Exhibitions and Interpretation course with instructor Peter Van Ael.

Artwork and objects for the exhibitions are on loan from The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site; Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum; Colonel Robert R. McCormick Research Center at the First Division Museum; the Geneva History Museum; the Library of Congress; the Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University; Midway Village Museum; Northern Illinois University Founders Memorial Library’s Regional History Center and University Archive Collections and the Rare Books and Special Collections; the NIU Art Museum Collection; and private lenders: Michael Barnes & Kryssi Stalikidis; David & Sarojini Johnson; Pete Olson & Janean Koebbe; Endi Poslovic; Peter Van Ael; and Jacqueline Vossler.

A Tale of Donkeys and Elephants; Satire with the Wink of a Fox
Northern Illinois University’s Interdisciplinary Certification of Graduate Study in Museum Studies students in Art 656: Museum Exhibitions and Interpretation curated this exhibition with instructor Peter Van Ael. Students included: Zachary Bishop, Amy Caponigro, Millicent Kennedy, Victoria Likeum, Hannah Palsa, Zheng Zhong, and Anna-Marie Zurlinden.

Above: Robert Middaugh, Bittersweet Street, 1979. Oil on canvas, (54 1/4” x 40 1/2”). NIU Art Museum Collection.

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Left: Vice President of University Advancement and CEO of the NIU Foundation Catherine Squires in her office with a pastel by NIU Alumnus Thom Kaptheim (67) in the background. The artwork was a recent gift to the NIU Art Museum Collection by another NIU Alumnus Lee Hall (67). A full article on the gift appears on page 3.
By becoming a Member of the **Friends of NIU Art Museum** you help increase community support for the arts and receive special privileges and benefits. As a **Friend of the NIU Art Museum** you contribute to both the continuance and growth of a valuable cultural resource in northern Illinois. Your membership provides essential support for exhibitions, educational programs, artists’ lectures, exhibition-related publications and conservation of the permanent collection.

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- E-mail announcements/listserv
- Special members-only previews, receptions, bus trips and special events
- 20% discount on NIU Art Museum catalogues
- Subscription to **Museum Notes** newsletter

We have added several new options to the **Friends’ Collector Print Series** (which can be viewed online) and also added a new upper level of membership.

**If you are already a current member, please share this form with a friend. Thank you.**

**SPONSOR Membership $100**

All of the Friends privileges plus choice of one of the following prints from the **Friends’ Collector Print Series**:

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- Larry Gregory, *Conkles Hollow, Ohio*
- Eugene Larkin, *27 Feathers*
- Peter Olson, *Hummingbird Nebula*
- Charlotte Rollman, *Hopkins Park, DeKalb*
- John Pittman Weber, *Distant Soweto*

- Complimentary exhibition catalogues
- Recognition in **Museum Notes**

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All of the above Friend & Sponsor privileges with choice of one of the following prints from the **Friends’ Collector Print Series**:

- Renie Adams, *Point of View*
- Michael Barnes, *Sideshow*
- David Driesbach, *Opening Night*
- Carl Hyano, *Sushi Triininron*
- Ben Mahmoud, *Night Garden*

- Name engraved on Membership Plaque in Museum

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- Susanne Doremus, *Sea Fall*
- Jay Ryan, *The Squadron on Patrol*

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A Community Call: Do you have a collection of old cameras, photography equipment or related matter that you would like to share in a public display during our fall, 2017 exhibition suite on photography?

Contact museum staff NOW so we can plan this display. Thank you!

NIU Art Museum’s STRATEGIC PLANNING PUBLIC INPUT

We want your feedback – we need your ideas – we want to be the best that we can be. Help the NIU Art Museum determine and direct its next five years via survey or during the community session. Help us prioritize during these public input opportunities.

Survey link to be posted on our website by April 14.

Thursday, April 27, 2017
6-8 p.m. Feedback Forum
Altgeld Hall 125
Pre-registration requested by 4/24/17.

About the NIU Art Museum

The NIU Art Museum contributes to the University’s educational curriculum and provides opportunities for art education and cultural enrichment throughout the community. The Museum serves to educate, preserve, exhibit, and enlighten by balancing the challenges of contemporary art with the riches of traditional media for a comprehensive examination of visual culture. The NIU Art Museum is located on the first floor, west end of Altgeld Hall, located on the corner of College Avenue and Castle Drives on the main campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL.

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