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## LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM INSTALLS TEMPORARY ADDITIONS TO AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES GALLERY



**NEW LONDON** - The Lyman Allyn Art Museum is pleased to announce that two large-scale portraits by Barkley L. Hendricks, recently on view in the Museum's exhibition *Barkley L. Hendricks in New London*, have been reinstalled in the Museum's *American Perspectives* gallery where they will remain on exhibition until May 2024.

Brenda P., 1974, and North Philly Niggah (William Corbett), 1975, both oil on canvas, were featured in the Museum's exhibition Barkley L. Hendricks in New London, which celebrated Hendricks' artistic legacy, focusing on issues of

place, teaching, and community in his career. Hendricks taught studio art at Connecticut College from 1972 until 2010 and lived in New London until his death in 2017. In that time, Hendricks rose to national and international artistic prominence, best known for his large-scale painted portraits such as these. *Brenda P*. portrays former New London resident Brenda Perry, whose family was friends with the artist.

Both portraits on view are on extended loan from the Art Bridges Foundation. Alice Walton, of the Walton Family Foundation, created Art Bridges in 2017, which is dedicated to expanding access to American Art through many innovative initiatives, including loans from their important collection and supporting educational programs in collaboration with museums across America.

Visitors are now able to view these striking portraits for the next eight months in the 20<sup>th</sup> century gallery next to other notable works by artists such as Sol LeWitt, Kazuya Sakai, and Freddie Styles.



Barkley L. Hendricks, *Brenda P*, 1974, oil and acrylic on canvas, 72 × 50 inches. Collection of Art Bridges.



Barkley L. Hendricks, North Philly Niggah (William Corbett), 1975, oil and acrylic on canvas, 72 × 48 inches. Collection of Art Bridges.

For more information or to request images, please contact Rebecca Dawson by email at <u>dawson@lymanallyn.org</u>.

## About the Lyman Allyn Art Museum

The Lyman Allyn Art Museum welcomes visitors from New London, southeastern Connecticut and all over the world. Established in 1926 with a gift from Harriet Allyn in memory of her seafaring father, the Museum opened the doors of its beautiful neoclassical building surrounded by 12 acres of green space in 1932. Today it presents several changing exhibitions each year and houses a fascinating collection of over 18,000 objects from ancient times to the present, including art from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe, with particularly strong collections of American paintings, decorative arts and Victorian toys and doll houses.

The Museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut, exit 83 off I-95. The Museum is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.**; it is closed on Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit www.lymanallyn.org.