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## NEWS

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## ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST CLARK ART INSTITUTE DIRECTOR FOR FREE LECTURE

**Hardymon Director Olivier Meslay will discuss the Clark Art Institute's summer 2018 exhibitions at a free lecture on Thursday, July 26 at 6PM.**

ALBANY, NEW YORK — On Thursday, July 26 at 6pm, Hardymon Director of the Clark Art Institute Olivier Meslay will be at the Albany Institute of History & Art to discuss the Clark Art Institute's summer 2018 exhibitions. This free lecture is open to the public. Space is limited. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Clark Art Institute's summer season kicks off with the opening of two exhibitions rooted in late nineteenth-century France, *Women Artists in Paris, 1850–1900* and *The Art of Iron: Objects from the Musée Le Secq des Tournelles, Rouen, Normandy Normandy*. On June 30, the Clark opened its first-ever video exhibition, *Jennifer Steinkamp*, and on July 1 *A City Transformed: Photographs of Paris, 1850-1900* celebrates the beauty of old wrought iron collected largely during the late nineteenth century, a period of rapid modernization in France and Europe.

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The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. Free parking is available in the museum's lot at the corner of Elk and Dove Streets.

The exhibition galleries are open Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday noon-5pm. Visit our website for our summer hours for our Museum Café and Museum Shop. The Research Library is open on Thursdays from 1pm-4:30pm and by appointment.

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Olivier Meslay  
Hardymon Director of the Clark Art Institute

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Admission rates are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, \$6 for children aged 6-12, and free for children under 6. Albany Institute members are admitted for free. There is no charge to visit the café or museum shop. The museum offers free admission to the galleries on Thursdays from 5pm-8pm and on the First Fridays of the month from 5pm-8pm. To learn about other discounts and free admission days, please refer to the Visit section of [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org).

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Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art is New York's oldest museum. Its collections document the Hudson Valley as a crossroads of culture, influencing the art and history of the region, the state, and the nation. With more than 35,000 objects and one million documents in the library, it is an important resource for the region, giving our community a sense of the part the Hudson Valley played in the American story, and our own place in history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions are open year-round and create a sense of place, allowing visitors to meet the people who helped shape this region. Among the museum's best-known and most-loved collections are the 19<sup>th</sup> century Hudson River School landscape paintings by artists like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, the 19<sup>th</sup> century sculpture collections, and, of course, the famous Albany Mummies that came to the museum in 1909 and have been on view ever since. For more information, please visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) and be sure to follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute](https://www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute)), Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute), and Instagram (albanyinstitute).

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