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Artist Elisa H. Hamilton Invites Nashua Residents to Create Art Together *Currier Museum of Art and City of Nashua Partner on a Community Art Project*

Nashua, New Hampshire, March 22, 2021 – The Currier Museum of Art and the City of Nashua are pleased to announce an inaugural collaboration on a community-centered art project. Titled *Creative Union*, the project highlights Nashua’s diverse community, rich history, and vital spirit.

Creative Union is the vision of Elisa H. Hamilton, a socially engaged multimedia artist who creates inclusive artworks that emphasize shared spaces. Throughout the summer of 2021, Hamilton will lead workshops that celebrate the community through collaborative artmaking. Participants will create decorations and paper sculptures that reflect their spirit and ideas. "Shared creativity is such a powerful community asset," the artist says. "I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the Nashua community to create this special project"

Nashua Mayor Jim Donchess is excited for this endeavor to get underway. "Thank you to the Currier and Elisa H. Hamilton for being great partners on this special collaboration. It will highlight art in Nashua and our art community, as well as engage residents in a unique way," said Mayor Donchess. "*Creative Union* is about more than just art. The hope is it will also create lasting connections to our public spaces and to each other."

"Public art projects bring people together in new ways," says Alan Chong, director of the Currier Museum of Art. "Elisa H. Hamilton is a dynamic and compelling artist who wants to connect the urban setting of Nashua with its citizens through art. Collaborations of this type often lead to unexpected and exciting ideas – and it will be a lot of fun."

The Currier Museum and the City of Nashua have been developing this project over the course of a year. The activities will culminate in the fall of 2021 with the adornment of a building space in downtown Nashua. A vacant building will be reinvigorated with art produced by the Nashua community. Programming will be developed in collaboration with the citizens of Nashua and will include programs such as performances by community groups, artmaking workshops, dance parties, community dinners, open mics, and other gatherings. All programs will be free and open to the public.

Creative Union is the inaugural arts event made possible by the Currier Museum Nashua Endowment, which was established to support Currier Museum-organized arts programming for the residents of Nashua.

More information about how to participate is available on the Currier Museum’s website, [currier.org](https://www.currier.org).

About the Currier Museum of Art

The Currier Museum is an internationally renowned art museum located in Manchester, New Hampshire. The museum features paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, and photographs, including works by Monet, Picasso, O’Keeffe, Hopper, and Wyeth. It presents exhibitions, tours, art classes, and

community programs year-round. Two houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright are part of its permanent collection.

About Elisa H. Hamilton

Elisa H. Hamilton holds a BFA in Painting from Massachusetts College of Art and Design, and an MA in Civic Media from Emerson College. Her work has been shown locally and nationally. She has been the recipient of four public art grants to create temporary public works in Boston's Fort Point neighborhood, and two grants from New England Foundation for the Arts. She has held artist residencies with the Vermont Studio Center, Boston Center for the Arts, the Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, and the Fenway Alliance. Her interactive community projects include Community Legacy, a collaboration with the MIT List Visual Arts Center; Slideshow, co-presented by HUBweek and Now+There; and Jukebox, a public art commission for the Cambridge Foundry.