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Charles Allis Art Museum Opens Spring Season with **BIRD BODY** by Hattie Grimm and **Waves and Wings: Masterpieces in Motion**

Milwaukee, WI — April 21, 2025 — The Charles Allis Art Museum invites the community to celebrate the arrival of spring with the debut of two powerful new exhibitions: [*BIRD BODY* by Artist-in-Residence Hattie Grimm](#), and [*Waves and Wings: Masterpieces in Motion*](#), a permanent collection installation featuring the works of Winslow Homer and Bruno Ertz.

The **Opening Reception** for *BIRD BODY* will be held on **Thursday, April 24, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Charles Allis Art Museum, with artist remarks beginning promptly at **6:00 PM**. This event is **free and open to the public** and will include light bites, refreshments, and interactive activities designed to foster creativity and personal reflection.

BIRD BODY explores the intuitive wisdom of our emotional and physical selves through 20 original wooden paintings and sculptures. Inspired by the migratory patterns of birds, Artist-in-residence, Grimm invites guests to connect with the quiet truths within their own bodies. Visitors will be encouraged to participate in two interactive storytelling activities: “Draw Your Own Bird” and “Share Your Bird Story,” offering a communal space for self-expression and connection.

“Birds migrate into the unknown, trusting that better days are ahead,” says Grimm.

“*BIRD BODY* invites viewers to do the same—through instinct, feeling, and embodied wisdom.”

Attendees will also have the opportunity to view the museum’s newest long-term exhibition, **Waves and Wings: Masterpieces in Motion**, opening the same day. This elegant showcase highlights the fluid beauty of the natural world through the delicate bird and insect studies of Wisconsin artist Bruno Ertz and the iconic coastal watercolors of American master Winslow Homer. Installed throughout the historic mansion and accompanied by curated pieces from the Allis Collection, *Waves and Wings* offers a meditative journey through movement and stillness in art.

EVENT DETAILS

Opening Reception: BIRD BODY by Hattie Grimm

Thursday, April 24, 2025

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Remarks at 6:00 PM)

Charles Allis Art Museum | 1801 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee, WI

Free Admission | Light Bites + Refreshments | Interactive Activities

RSVP: charlesallis.org/exhibitions/birdbody

Now On View: Waves and Wings: Masterpieces in Motion

April 24 – September 28, 2025

Works by Winslow Homer & Bruno Ertz

Included with Museum Admission

Learn more: charlesallis.org/exhibitions/wavesandwings

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About Charles Allis Art Museum:

Located in Milwaukee's historic East Side, the Charles Allis Art Museum preserves and celebrates the artistic legacy of Milwaukeeans Charles and Sarah Allis. With rotating exhibitions, public programming, and a permanent collection housed in a stunning Tudor-style mansion, the museum offers a unique cultural experience rooted in history and creativity