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Simsbury Open House at the Wadsworth Atheneum Saturday, June 21, 2014

On Saturday, June 21st, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art celebrates Simsbury Open House Day. **All Simsbury residents are invited to visit free of charge, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Residents are invited to visit all the galleries including the newest exhibition, **MATRIX 169 / Ruben Ochoa**. Free Family Guides, a cell phone audio tour, and docent-guided tours at 1 and 2:30 p.m. are also available. The tours will include the painting, "Niagara Falls" by the Hudson River School painter, John Kensett.

On view:

MATRIX 169 / Ruben Ochoa

The exhibition showcases the post-minimalist painting of Ruben Ochoa (born 1974, Oceanside, California) in an exhibition titled *Cloudless Day*. The artist — best known for large-scale sculptural installations made from everyday construction materials like galvanized steel posts, concrete slabs, lengths of rebar, and excavated dirt — explores social and political aspects of the urban environment, often relating them with the immigrant labor population of his Mexican American background.

Hudson River School

The discovery, exploration and settlement of the land were central to the enterprise of American landscape painters. Includes paintings by: Thomas Cole, Frederic Church, Albert Bierstadt, and John Kensett.

A Selection of European Paintings

Across Europe, a diverse and rapid evolution of artistic styles occurred over several centuries, reflecting the social, intellectual, and religious ideas that transformed European culture. Includes paintings by: Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, Francisco de Zurbarán, Claude Monet, Edouard Manet, Edgar Degas, and Pierre-Auguste Renoir.

To obtain free general admission to the museum, Simsbury citizens are asked to show proof of residency (such as a driver's license, or an envelope sent to their home address) and Phelps Chapter members proof of membership, at the admissions desk.

The museum café is open until 3:30 p.m. Reservations are not required. For more information about exhibitions and events, call 860-838-4100 or visit www.wadsworthatheneum.org.

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