

in the Loop

Wadsworth Atheneum: A Growing, Telling Presence

Looking for a great escape from the gray days of January? Why not spend an afternoon in the galleries of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art traveling through time and around the world with some of the greatest American and European artists of all time? (And since Hartford Steam heats and cools the complex, you'll be warm and comfortable if you do!)

Founded in 1842 by Daniel Wadsworth, the Wadsworth Atheneum is America's oldest public art museum. The building opened to the public in 1844 with nearly 100 works of art (coincidentally, renowned artist Thomas Eakins was born that same year). The fine art collection has grown exponentially over the years (it now includes 50,000 pieces), and the museum's size has grown as well.

Initially the Atheneum was known for its contemporary art, featuring the work of Hudson River School artists and contemporary painters such as John Trumbull and Benjamin West, the father of American painting. Later, the museum bolstered its holdings with large bequests from Hartford notables such as Elizabeth Hart Jarvis Colt (wife of Samuel Colt) and J.P. Morgan, both of whom were honored with memorial additions to the Atheneum.

Numerous building additions have followed, most recently the Goodwin wing in 1969. And now the museum is looking at a new development: transforming the former Hartford Times building into an integral part of the museum. Come 2008, the space is expected to house the 90-plus staff and extensive archives, freeing up gallery space that has been used to accommodate those needs over time.

"We've had reliable service from Hartford Steam," says Alan C. Barton, Director of Facilities at the Atheneum, "since we hooked up our main complex in the mid-60s. And reliable climate control is absolutely essential. In fact, we don't adjust our climate control for people; we adjust it for optimal art preservation. Plus, the institution hasn't wanted the expense of on-site heating and cooling. Space is at a premium, and I think insurance companies appreciate the fact that there isn't a boiler with combustible fuels in the building."

The Hartford Steam Co. is pleased to have the Atheneum as a customer. We encourage you to stop by



Courtesy Wadsworth Atheneum.

Auguste Rodin, French, 1840-1917. The Thinker. Bronze.
14-3/4 x 7-7/8 x 11-3/8 inches. Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation.

the museum and see and hear the stories it has to tell. "Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession, Sculpture From the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation," the first major Rodin exhibition in Connecticut, will begin at the Atheneum January 28 and run through April 30. For more information, visit www.wadsworthatheneum.org.

Hartford 21: The Future of Things To Come

Hartford has many incredible assets: a great location equidistant from Boston and New York City; great cultural, arts and historical value; and easy access to transportation.

Yet admittedly, in 1997, not many were able to see this diamond in the rough. But Northland Investment Corporation envisioned the city's great potential and began acquiring key properties such as Metro Center, CityPlace II, 242 Trumbull Street and 100 Allyn Street. And now, as you can tell, the face of Hartford is changing.

In fact it's hard not to notice Northland's newest development on Trumbull Street, Hartford 21, with its gleaming stainless steel and glass exterior. The complex features Connecticut's tallest residential tower at 36 stories, which will house 262 luxury apartments; 53,000 sq ft of externally oriented retail space; 106,000 sq ft of office space; 35,000 sq ft of public space; a 50-ft atrium; 816 parking spaces; and more. All of the space will be heated and cooled by Hartford Steam.

Named to reflect the city's 21st century possibilities, Hartford 21 already has begun to open. The public parking

garage opened in September, the retail should be ready within the next several weeks, and portions of the residential tower are expected to be ready for leasing by the end of the summer.

“One of the most exciting features of the development is that we’ll now have people living downtown,” says Bert Kaplowitz, General Manager of the Connecticut Commercial Portfolio for Northland. “It’s a trend across the country, with lots of young professionals and empty nesters moving to the center city. When I started working downtown in 1985, this was very much a 9-to-5 environment. But things are about to change.”

All of the residential units have been designed with luxury in mind: There are granite countertops and custom cabinets in the kitchens, 9-ft ceilings, 24-hour concierge service, and four penthouses at the top. Residents have full access to a state-of-the-art fitness center, lounge with Internet access and plasma TV with surround-sound, a business center, and a clubroom for gatherings and catered events.

“Residential comfort was key to us as we were selecting a heating and cooling provider,” says Kaplowitz. “You can’t offer luxury living without comfort every season of the year.

We’ve used Hartford Steam’s service for all of the properties Northland has purchased in Hartford over the years, and we have developed a great relationship with them. We knew they could come through for us and provide the reliability we need for our tenants and residents. And since Northland owns 12,000 residential units across the Sunbelt alone, we know how important that can be.”

Hartford Steam welcomes Hartford 21 to the district heating and cooling system – and looks forward to the full opening of the complex by year-end 2006.



Courtesy Hartford 21. Photo Bruce T. Martin.

Hartford 21 is transforming the city’s skyline and enticing people with luxury downtown living units.

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Glenn pays attention to every detail, which means reliability is the norm not the exception. He inspects turbine settings and setpoints and makes sure they trip at a certain speed. He also checks to be sure the bearing clearance is okay. If parts are needed, Glenn often takes care of repair on the spot. Otherwise he can get the parts quickly ordered – or even specially made if needed.

“Certainly the company has changed through the years – haven’t we all,” says Glenn. “When I first came on board we were operating everything manually. Now of course, almost everything is operated by computer. You can check temperatures and pressures of the supply and return chilled water instantaneously. We used to have to go take those readings manually. Now we just look at a screen. That actually frees us up to do more hands-on equipment work.”

When not on the job, Glenn likes to pull out his guitar, which he has played since he was a teenager. “I like a little of all music – except for rap,” he says.

Glenn and his wife have three daughters and live in Windsor, Conn. One daughter is studying to become a pharmacist; another is pursuing computers. The youngest, who is 11, still has time to think it over!

Thank you, Glenn, for your decades of service. We’re glad to have you on our team.

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