Berkshire Museum presents BerkshireNow: Peter Gordon, December 4, 2015, through February 21, 2016

[Pittsfield, Mass.] - The BerkshireNow gallery space at the Berkshire Museum will feature a solo exhibition of paintings and collages by Peter Gordon, December 4, 2015, through February 21, 2016. The BerkshireNow gallery is open during regular Museum hours. In addition, Berkshire Museum is part of Pittsfield’s monthly First Fridays Artswalk events, when admission to the BerkshireNow gallery is free to the public. An opening reception for BerkshireNow: Peter Gordon will be held on Friday, December 4, from 5 to 8 p.m., part of December’s First Fridays Artswalk.

Peter Gordon’s artwork is intended to remind people that, as users of natural resources, goods and services, we impact the environment. He contrasts images of natural and manmade elements to emphasize the fragility of the ecosystem in the context of modern society. The enigmatic, atmospheric paintings portray scenes in which a black bear, unable to hibernate, roams for food on a sunny, winter morning. Another depicts a lonely ice fishing hole, abandoned after a quiet day.

In Gordon’s vivid collages, clippings of prices, sales slogans, and real estate offerings are used to create backdrops for animals, out of place in their now unfamiliar territory. “I want viewers of my work to feel encouraged to make, and promote, environmentally conscientious decisions in their daily lives,” Gordon says. “In doing so, my work will have a positive impact on the world through the actions of others.”
Gordon has had solo exhibitions of his work at venues such as the Park View Gallery in Glen Echo, Maryland; the Hampden Gallery at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and the Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery and the Urban Art Group, both in Washington, D.C. Gordon has participated in numerous group shows over the last 12 years from Maryland and Virginia to New York, Massachusetts, California, and even Bucharest, Romania. He has extensive experience as an art instructor on the college level and has worked as a graphic designer in Boston; College Park, Maryland; and Washington D.C. Gordon holds a master of fine arts degree from the University of Maryland and a BFA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He also studied studio art and art history at the Lorenzo de’ Medici School in Florence, Italy. For more information on the artist, visit www.petergordonart.com.

**BerkshireNow** features four exhibits each year ranging from solo artists to group shows. Outfitting the nine-hundred-square-foot gallery space for the new exhibition series was made possible in part by a grant from the Pittsfield Cultural Council.

**About the Berkshire Museum**

Located in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at 39 South St., the Berkshire Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $13 adult, $6 child; Museum members and children age 3 and under enjoy free admission. For more information, visit www.berkshiremuseum.org or call 413.443.7171.

In association with the Smithsonian since 2013, Berkshire Museum is part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share the Smithsonian’s resources with the nation. Established by Zenas Crane in 1903, Berkshire Museum integrates art, history, and natural science in a wide range of programs and exhibitions that inspire educational connections between the disciplines. **American West** and **Festival of Trees 2015: Westward Ho Ho Ho!** are on
view through January 3, 2016. Little Cinema is open year-round. Spark!Lab, Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation, Worlds in Miniature, Aquarium, and other exhibits are ongoing.

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