Vaccine Policy Change at the Berkshire Museum Starting December 26 and Holiday Hours Announced

New vaccine policy to begin Sunday, December 26

[Pittsfield, MA] –

Effective Sunday, December 26, all visitors to Berkshire Museum 18 years and older, must show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination accompanied by photo ID. Acceptable forms of proof include a photo or hard copy of an official immunization record of a vaccine administered from within or outside the U.S. Digital forms of state or federally issued proof of vaccination such as the NY Excelsior Pass are also acceptable. Masks are required for everyone over two years of age while indoors.

“The health and safety of our visitors, staff, and community are our primary concern,” explained Berkshire Museum’s co-Executive Directors. “Full vaccination has reduced spread of this disease, and we want to offer our visitors the safest experience possible.”

Holiday Hours of Operation

Berkshire Museum is open daily with hours Monday-Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday from noon-5pm, with extended hours Friday December 17 and January 7 until 7:30pm. The Museum will close at 2pm December 24 and December 31, and will be closed December 25, January 1, and January 3. The Museum is open Sunday, January 2 from noon-5pm.

Currently on view at Berkshire Museum

- **Museum of the Moon**, an unforgettable installation artwork by UK-artist Luke Jerram, invites viewers to observe and contemplate the many ways the Moon is interpreted through art, science, culture, and religion, and throughout history, and to consider how the same celestial view connects all of humankind.

- **Muh-he-con-ne-ok: The People of the Waters That Are Never Still**, presented in partnership with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, curated by Heather Bruegl, former Director of Cultural Affairs for the...
Stockbridge-Munsee Community, member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, and first line
descendant Stockbridge Munsee.

- **Objects and Their Stories** showcases the Berkshire Museum’s collection of art, science, and
descendants to reveal fascinating stories about the ways humankind has shaped, and
been shaped by, the world around it. This semi-permanent exhibition will change over time
to share more of the collection than ever while revealing surprising new perspectives on
the human experience.

- **The Land of the Thunder Dragon: Bhutan Through the Lens of Mead Eagle**
  Photography displays a collection of informal portraits, breathtaking landscapes, and lively
scenes created over a series of visits to the mountainous Asian nation of Bhutan from
1999-2011 by internationally acclaimed local photographers Sally Eagle and Dan Mead.
Sally Eagle’s *Gravedigger, Cuba* was awarded second place in last year’s juried *Art of the
Hills: Narrative* exhibition.

- A collection of **works by artist Alexander Calder** grace the all-new casework on the second
  floor, including his iconic toys and more.

- **Flooded River: Rose Dawn**, a large-scale painting by artist Stephen Hannock recently given
to the museum by an anonymous donor, is also on display in the new galleries.

**About the Berkshire Museum** Located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts,
the Berkshire Museum combines art, science, and history to create thought-provoking experiences
for the whole family through interactive programs, interdisciplinary exhibitions, and engaging
online series. The museum’s first floor exhibitions and Aquarium are open daily. Advance
registrations are recommended during peak times. Plan your visit at berkshiremuseum.org or go to
explore.berkshiremuseum.org to enjoy the Berkshire Museum wherever you are.