



## **Wagner named art museum education coordinator**

Eva Wagner of Thorndike has been named education coordinator at the University of Maine Museum of Art.

A New York City native, Wagner is a UMaine graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in studio art and a master's in teaching. She has taught in both public and private schools, in addition to service as education coordinator and museum educator at the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland. She is an accomplished artist who studied painting and foundations at the Maine College of Art.

"We are delighted to have Eva join our team," says Museum Coordinator and Curator George Kinghorn. "She is a talented art educator who understands how vital education and community outreach is to the Museum's mission. Eva will clearly advance our educational objectives through the creation of innovative projects that will bring new faces into the Museum."

Wagner will be responsible for the museum's diverse education and community outreach offerings including school tours, adult education programs, gallery talks and the popular summer and winter art camps for children. She will also develop an array of educational initiatives aimed at reaching new audiences.

"Now more than ever, community outreach and education are integral to the success of museums," Wagner says. "In order to thrive as an institution, we need to welcome everyone and let all enter into the conversation about creative processes, the history of art and the dynamic works being produced by artists today. I look forward to encouraging our visitors and serving as a bridge to a greater understanding and involvement in the visual arts. UMMA has created such an exciting exhibition schedule and there are considerable opportunities for creating new educational programs for all ages. I'm thrilled to be a part of the staff during this critical period of the Museum's growth."

She lives in Thorndike with her husband Peter and two children, Phoebe and Heron.