

The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum

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Harry Philbrick has been director of The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum since 1996, managing the Museum through a period of unprecedented growth. In 2004 the Museum successfully completed a \$9 million capital campaign to support the renovation and expansion of the premises. The results of that campaign are evident in The Aldrich's award-winning new facility, which boasts increased exhibition space, an education center, and a sculpture garden that enhances the Museum's historic location.

Mr. Philbrick has furthered the Museum's mission by exhibiting provocative and significant contemporary art and establishing programs that serve as national models in museum education. He introduced the *Student Docent Program*, which trains students as young as ten years old to act as docents for their peers, and has been covered by the national press and radio. Attendance at The Aldrich has nearly tripled since 1996.

Mr. Philbrick has curated and co-curated many of The Aldrich's exhibitions, using his trademark commitment to, and respect for, contemporary visual artists and diverse audiences. Keenly aware of the challenges involved in making contemporary art accessible to the public, Mr. Philbrick has lectured at leading art institutions in the United States and abroad, including The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art, both in New York. He has also lectured at Serpentine Gallery and Hayward Gallery in London, where he produced the *Gallery Talks* program, an exhibition lecture series.

Mr. Philbrick received his Master of Fine Arts from London University's Goldsmiths College. His artwork has been exhibited in the United States and Europe.

The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum is renowned as a national leader for its presentation of outstanding new art, cultivation of emerging artists, and innovation in museum education. Regular Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. For more information, please call 203.438.4519 or visit www.aldrichart.org.