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SUSQUEHANNA ART MUSEUM

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AN AMERICAN VIEW UNFOLDS AT SUSQUEHANNA ART MUSEUM

Harrisburg, PA – Susquehanna Art Museum’s newest exhibition, *In Nature’s Studio: Two Centuries of American Landscape Painting*, showcases the bounty of the American landscape from the early nineteenth century through the late twentieth century. *In Nature’s Studio*, organized by the Reading Public Museum, opens with a special Member’s Preview Friday, February 11 at 5:00 p.m. It is on view to the public from February 12 – May 22, 2022.

The exhibition combines early depictions of bucolic American vistas—intimate forest interiors, sweeping panoramic views of natural wonders, and dramatic images of the untamed land and sea—with scenes of Europe, western Asia, and South America. It begins with an exploration of the emergence of the Hudson River School of painting, the first uniquely American artistic movement.

In addition to works by nineteenth-century landscape artists such as Thomas Birch, Frederic Church, and Jasper Francis Cropsey, the exhibition also examines the shift to Impressionism and Tonalism at the turn of the century by painters including George Inness, N. C. Wyeth, Childe Hassam, and Edward Willis Redfield. Modernist landscapes by George Bellows, John Fulton Folinsbee, and Andrew Wyeth chart the path to abstract and expressionistic compositions in the twentieth century. The progression from realistic depictions of pastoral landscapes to the stylized impressions of time and place reflect the sensibilities of visual culture in the United States for more than 100 years.



Jasper Francis Cropsey, *Passing Shower on a Spring Afternoon*, 1846, oil on canvas, 18" x 27". On loan courtesy of Reading Public Museum, Reading, Pennsylvania

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Susquehanna Art Museum is located at 1401 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102.
Hours: Wednesday 10am – 7pm, Thursday – Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 12 – 5pm.
Free parking is available to visitors in the lot behind the Museum at Calder and James Streets.

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