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*WINSLOW HOMER: MAKING ART, MAKING HISTORY* OPENING LECTURE  
OCTOBER 9 EXPLORES THE DEPTH OF STERLING CLARK'S COLLECTION  
AND WINSLOW HOMER'S ACHIEVEMENTS AS AN ARTIST

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WILLIAMSTOWN, MA- Marc Simpson, the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute's curator of American art, will present "The Clark's Homers' Histories" on Sunday, October 9 as the opening lecture to the exhibition *Winslow Homer: Making Art, Making History*. This free lecture, held in the auditorium at 2 pm, will focus on Winslow Homer's works in the Clark's permanent collection, one of the world's deepest and richest collections of works by this artist.

Comprising almost 250 works by Homer, dating from 1857 to 1904, the Clark's holdings provide a variety of distinctive perspectives on this important American artist. During "The Clark's Homers' Histories" Simpson will discuss Sterling Clark as a collector as well as the historical, cultural, and biographical aspects of Homer's artistic achievements.

On view from October 9, 2005 through January 16, 2006, *Winslow Homer: Making Art, Making History* will showcase 10 oil paintings, 11 watercolors, 17 drawings and etchings, and one photograph, as well as approximately 120 rarely seen wood engravings. The exhibition will bring the full range of the Clark's Homer collection to the public, including works on paper that are, due to their light-sensitive nature, only rarely on view. While these many objects will encourage wonder at Homer's aesthetic achievement, the breadth of the collection also allows questions to be asked about relations among the things themselves, their place in the art world of the 19th century, and the role they play in helping us understand their era. Questions of history—cultural, institutional, and biographical—lie at the core of the show's approach. This is the largest showing from the Clark's extensive Homer holdings in decades.

The Clark is located at 225 South Street in Williamstown, Massachusetts. The galleries are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm (daily in July and August). Admission June 1 through October 31 is \$10 for adults, free for children 18 and younger, members, and students with valid ID. Admission is free November through May. For more information, call 413-458-2303 or visit [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu).

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