



Member Profile: Sabeth and Aaron Albert

Why does membership matter to you?

We have always gravitated to contemporary art and The Aldrich epitomizes the best of this genre. The works of more obscure to more well-known artists are on display in a setting that feels both accessible and inspiring. Being a member is an invaluable part of our experience living in the area. Having worked in a museum in New York City, I enjoy the nuances and details that are part of the installing of exhibits and the energy and responsibility that goes into presenting works that are both relevant and exciting.

What do you look forward to when the Museum reopens?

The Frank Stella show is sure to be a blockbuster and we are eager to see it. We are also looking forward to attending the myriad programs geared towards collectors and fans of up-and-coming artists and established artists.

What is your best memory of The Aldrich?

Martin Creed's *Work No. 1190*, Half the air in a given space from 2011 stands out as one of our most memorable experiences at The Aldrich. Our children still refer to it as the room full of gold balloons. It was truly a sensory experience that appealed to the child in all of us and was a precursor to the ASMR craze. It cleverly used a familiar object to evoke sound and sensation. That exhibit is still a much-discussed topic in our house!

What was the most surprising work you have seen at The Aldrich?

A couple years back we walked into one of the second-floor galleries and found a floor made of herringbone-arranged chalk. Part of the *Objects Like Us* exhibit, this installation by David Adamo took us all by surprise. It was such a creative and clever concept using an everyday object to conjure up memories for us (recalling the days when chalk was a staple in classrooms) to our children's intrigue of the chalk breaking apart under their feet. It was fun to return to the Museum to see how the exhibit changed over time as the chalk disintegrated. It was truly an interactive experience.





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How are you and your family passing the time while at home?

We are focused on helping out our neighbors and participating in community service, talking with our children about how we can all do our part to help support one another at this unprecedented time. As a family at home we are highlighting the joys of simple acts like playing classic board games, putting puzzles together (currently working on puzzles of Italy and Hawaii to help satisfy our wanderlust), reading, gardening, taking family walks, and embracing virtual learning and communication methods such as Zoom.