

UMass Dartmouth celebrates Women's History Month during New Bedford's AHA! Night

On March 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., the UMassD CVPA Star Series continues its visual arts programming to celebrate Women's History Month during AHA! Night.

The event will feature Alexandra Broches's exhibition, *Dear Alexandra, Letters and Pictures From a Box*, on view at the University Art Gallery. Alexandra Broches's work combines family photos and portraits of and letters by many of her relatives, some of whom were lost in the Holocaust. The handwritten and typed correspondence, written in Dutch, introduces the artist and her audience to her ancestors and family members through patient reading and translation. As part of this unique evening, the letters will be given voice by the artist, her daughter, and granddaughter reading them in their original language and translation.

The evening will also feature the reading of a new poem by New Bedford Poet Laureate Patricia Gomes, written as a reflection on the exhibition. Audio artist Tracey Cockrell will debut a sound art piece using a retrofitted typewriter called a "poemophone". The evening will conclude with a performance by New Bedford jazz band The Hot Club Cheese Roll.

Visitors are invited to come to see the last day of the exhibition *Dear Alexandra, Letters and Pictures From a Box* at the University Art Gallery by reserving a timed ticket on the website: <https://umassdartmouthgalleries.eventbrite.com>.

For more information on the March 11 event and the STAR Series, which takes place every Thursday through April, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on stage inside the Swain Studio at the CVPA Star Store Campus on the corner of Purchase and Union Streets

in Downtown New Bedford, please visit:
<https://www.umassd.edu/cvpa/galleries/swain-studio/>.