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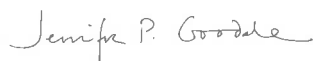
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American Anthem" signals a new era for the American Folk Art Museum as it establishes its new home on West 53rd Street. This series of inaugural exhibitions provides a rare opportunity to experience the complex world of American folk art, a genre that reflects the diversity of the American experience and expresses our commonly held heritage. Through the assembling of the historic, provocative, and engaging works from the Ralph Esmerian Collection and the Museum's permanent holdings, along with recently acquired materials by 20th-century visionary Henry Darger, viewers will be introduced to the vast and remarkable field of American folk art.

Philip Morris is proud to partner with the American Folk Art Museum at this critical point in its history. Since the mid-1970s, we have had a long-standing commitment to the field of folk art by supporting exhibitions featuring Amish and African American quilts, and folk art traditions from Switzerland, the American South, and the Dominican Republic. Through our sponsorships, we are pleased to help audiences broaden their understanding of this indigenous work and provide a showcase for the many artists who work outside of the mainstream but in their own way express the particular character of our country.

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