

Alfred's International Museum of Ceramic Art to move

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The public exhibition space for the Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred is being relocated to newly renovated space in Binns-Merrill Hall on the Alfred University campus. The Museum will be closed to the public from Friday, Sept. 28, through Monday, Oct. 8, when it will re-open in The Palladium Room on the second floor of Binns-Merrill Hall. It will re-open with a new exhibition, "Acquisitions from A to Z," featuring recent gifts to and purchases by the Museum. Hours will be Tuesdays through Fridays and Sundays, 10 am.-5 p.m. The Museum is closed Mondays and Saturdays. The Museum has been located in the Ceramic Corridor Innovation Center on Route 244 on the northern edge of the Village of Alfred. "There are many positives about this move," said Dr. David Szczerbacki, Alfred University provost and chairman of the Alfred Technology Resources, Inc., board that runs the ceramic industry incubator in which the Museum has been located. "First, we need the space in the incubator for new tenants, and that's a very good sign for the long-term economic growth in the region," said Szczerbacki. "Second, this move brings the exhibition space for the Museum back on campus, where it is more easily accessible students and faculty," said Szczerbacki. Finally, Binns-Merrill Hall is just re-opening after a more than three-year renovation project undertaken by the State University of New York Construction Fund at a cost of nearly \$10 million. "Binns-Merrill is a beautiful facility, and a beautiful setting for the Museum, on a temporary basis," said Szczerbacki. He noted architectural plans are now being finalized for a new \$8 million building to house the Museum. Ground-breaking for the new building, which will be located on Park Street in the Village of Alfred, on the southern edge of campus, is expected to take place in the spring of 2002.