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## THE READER'S EYE

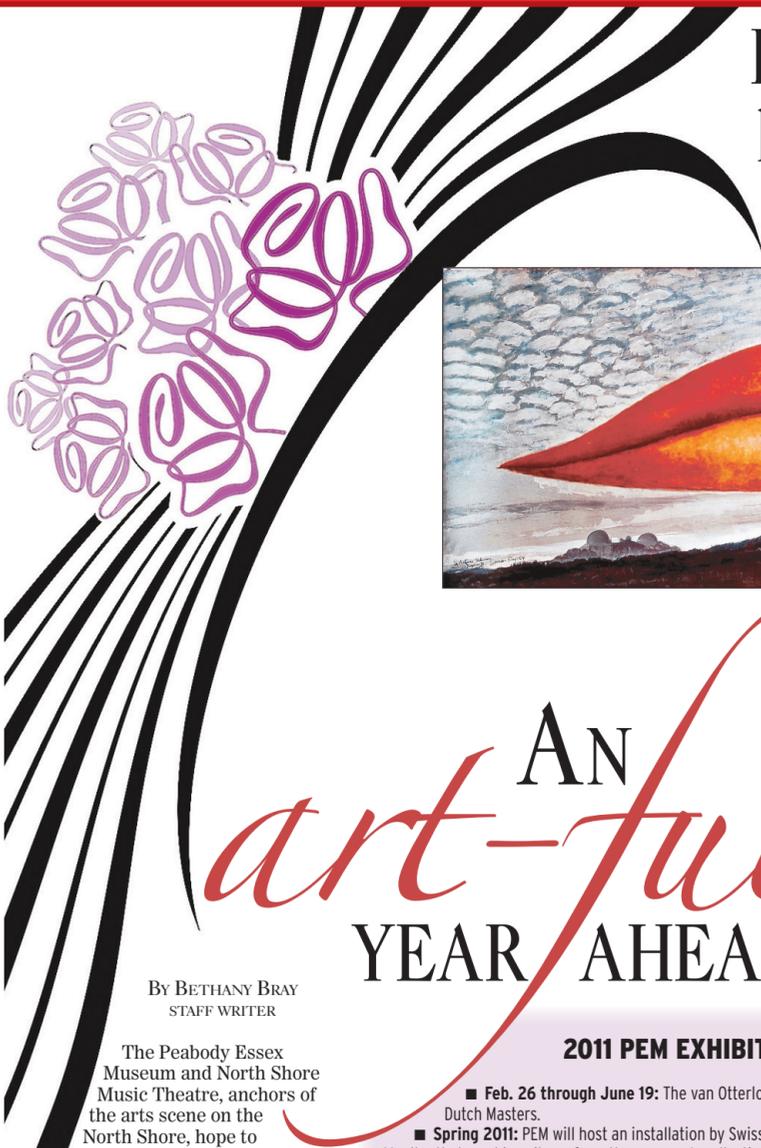


**Name:** Susan MacKinnon  
**Hometown:** Beverly  
**Description:** "This photo was taken at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. I wanted to capture my daughter, Caroline, climbing up the snowy hill after her first solo trip down, the lone tree in the background, and the ocean beyond. I got lucky when she put the sled in front of her, creating the neat shadow effect. "I'm a point-and-shoot amateur. I tend to make snap decisions about composition and color, and I like to capture the quirkiness in everyday moments."  
**Camera info:** Canon PowerShot SD770 IS  
**PHOTO STAFF CRITIQUE**  
 "This edgy photo illustrates the thought that went into shooting it. The photo would have been stronger if it had been cropped down to the top of the sled and to where the hand is. We liked the texture of the snow; if cropped, the photo would accentuate the texture more. The strong red color of the sled knocks you over. It grabs your attention."  
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## GOOD CAUSES



**Kissing for K-9s**  
 Tomorrow, in exchange for a mint, you can lean in close and get kissed by a horse. Kissing will take place after the screening of "See Spot Run," and food and drinks will be available for all attendees. Tickets cost \$3 and will be sold at the door. Ticket proceeds will help vest K-9s in the police force. The event will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at Holten Richmond Middle School, multipurpose room, 55 Conant St., Danvers. For more information, e-mail [ashleyxyo17@aol.com](mailto:ashleyxyo17@aol.com) or call 978-766-1122.



## PEM, music theater have something for everyone in 2011

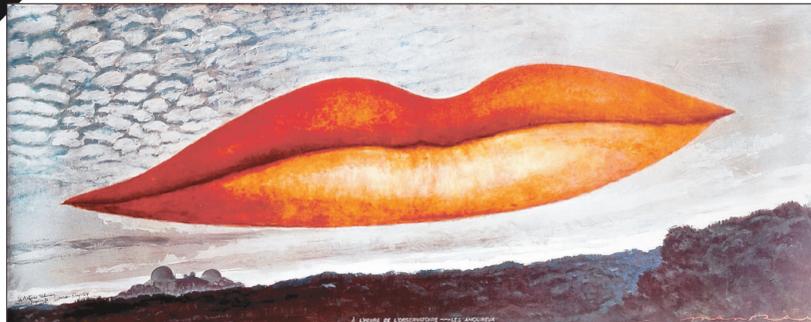


Image Courtesy Peabody Essex Museum  
**Man Ray's 1934 work "Observatory Time - The Lovers"** will be shown at the Peabody Essex Museum May 21 through Sept. 5 as part of an exhibit titled **Partners in Surrealism**. Photographs, paintings, sculpture and drawings by surrealists May Ray and Lee Miller, who lived and worked together in Paris, will be featured.

# AN art-full YEAR AHEAD

BY BETHANY BRAY  
 STAFF WRITER

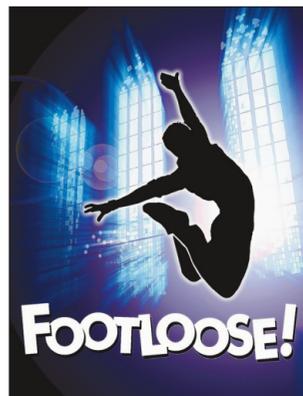
The Peabody Essex Museum and North Shore Music Theatre, anchors of the arts scene on the North Shore, hope to top 2010 with an emphasis on variety.

In its second season under new owner Bill Hanney, NSMT will offer a roster of musical theater classics, such as "My Fair Lady," spiced with a couple of shows never performed in this area.

All are family-friendly, and the season will culminate with the Beverly theater's ever-popular production of "A Christmas Carol" in December.

Down the road in Salem, the Peabody Essex Museum is preparing major exhibits of Dutch masters and the Hudson River School

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## 2011 PEM EXHIBITS

- **Feb. 26 through June 19:** The van Otterloo collection of Dutch Masters.
- **Spring 2011:** PEM will host an installation by Swiss artist Marianne Mueller that combines items from the museum's collection with her own photographs. The exhibit, organized by Phillip Prodder, PEM's curator of photography, is Mueller's first solo show in a U.S. museum. "It really will be something to see," said April Swieconeck, PEM public relations manager. "Each (piece) is commissioned specifically for the Peabody Essex Museum and won't be shown anywhere else."
- **May 21 through Sept. 5:** An exhibit of photographs, paintings, sculpture and drawings by Man Ray and Lee Miller, whom Swieconeck called "a force of nature in surrealism." Ray and Miller lived together in Paris from 1929 to 1932, first as student and teacher and later as lovers, influencing and inspiring each other through that period.
- **Summer 2011:** Sound installations by Susan Philipsz, a Turner Prize winner from Scotland. Philipsz will create a site-specific sound performance at PEM, exploring memory and environment.
- **June 2011 through May 2012:** Liquid sculpture: water as art in the PEM's art and nature center.
- **July 30 to Nov. 6:** American landscape paintings by a mid-1800s group of American painters known as the Hudson River School. The exhibit, which includes works by Thomas Cole, Albert Bierstadt, Frederick Edwin Church, Jasper Francis Cropsey and Asher B. Durand, is from the collection of the New York Historical Society.
- **Fall 2011:** "At Sea," a 2007 film depicting the life of a container ship by artist Peter Hutton, who has spent 40 years voyaging around the world creating film studies of place.

"Footloose" will run Aug. 16 through 28 at North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly.

"My Fair Lady" will run June 7 through 19 at North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly.

# My Fair Lady

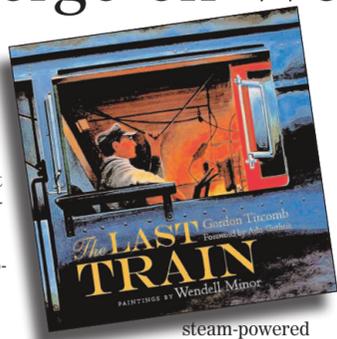
## Model railroad enthusiasts to converge on Wenham

BY AMANDA MCGREGOR  
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WENHAM — The golden era of railway travel will come to life in Wenham this weekend.

The Wenham Museum's annual railroad hobby show will be held at Boker School in Wenham on Saturday, featuring a special live performance by composer and musician Gordon Titcomb, who recently published a children's book based on his song "The Last Train."

Titcomb will be joined by award-winning illustrator Wendell Minor, whose gouache paintings help tell the story in "The Last Train," a book that elicits memories of the



steam-powered trains that used to connect the country.

"It's really exciting. It's one of the highlights of the hobby show," said

Mary Barthelmes, marketing manager at the Wenham Museum.

Railroad hobbyists can get advice, discuss scenery building and layout construction with model train and railroad experts, and get answers to model train layout questions.

"The hobby show is a chance for train collectors and fans to swap stories and give advice," Barthelmes said. "It's a real passion for many people in this country."

The Hobby Show coincides with a model train exhibit at the Wenham Museum that runs through Feb. 27, and hobby show ticket holders can head over to the museum and

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Acclaimed musician and composer Gordon Titcomb, left, and award-winning illustrator Wendell Minor will perform at the Wenham Museum's 21st Annual Railroad Hobby Show on Saturday and sign copies of their book, "The Last Train."

Courtesy photo