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WEEKEND: 'Bi-Polar' opposes the norm

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NEW BRITAIN — At the New Britain Museum of American Art, artist **Carson Fox's** “Bi-Polar” exhibit transports viewers into an enclosure of related yet opposing elements.

“Bi-Polar” is divided into two rooms. In one, 112 life-like icicles are suspended from the ceiling while snowflakes, each individually crafted from resin, seemingly float across the walls. **Fox's** “ice room” is a place where the ephemeral becomes eternal. The room is covered with hand-painted flames and anchored by logs that emit a warm, steady glow.

Woven into the installation are threads of the artist’s personal biography and, as the title suggests, a family history of mental illness. “Bi-Polar” also addresses the human desire to resist forces of natural order, push the boundaries of what is within or beyond our control, and ultimately arrest time.

The museum is at 56 Lexington St. For further information, call (860) 229-0257.

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