

# STATES OF THE ART

## NEW ENGLAND MUSEUMS WORTH TRAVELING FOR

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**W**ho needs the Venice Biennale, anyway? In New England, where you can't swing a sack of cranberries without hitting a venerable cultural institution, anyone with access to a car (or even a subway pass) can scope out these topnotch art museums.

**WORCESTER ART MUSEUM** | Where's the culture in Wormtown? Call the WAMbulance; they'll fix you right up. Resident jaw droppers at Massachusetts's second-largest art museum include Rembrandt's *Saint Bartholomew*, El Greco's *The Repentant Magdalen*, and Edward Hicks's *Peaceable Kingdom*. Also check out "Rona Pondick: The Metamorphosis of an Object" (through October 11), in which the sculptor juxtaposes ancient bronzes with her 3-D-modeling-aided fusions of human, plant, and animal forms.

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*Monkey with Hair*  
from "Rona Pondick:  
The Metamorphosis  
of an Object" at the  
Worcester Art Museum

