

NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

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Find your *Missed Connection* at the New York Transit Museum on Valentine's Day!

Transit Museum hosts a Missed Connections Party; New York Times writer Alan Feuer presents poetry reading and artist Sophie Blackall displays whimsical work, both inspired by postings of "love in transit" from Craigslist's Missed Connections; Music Under New York musicians Liah Alonso and Kelly Halloran of the band "Left on Red" perform live; MUNY singer/songwriter Heidi Kole performs and signs copies of her book, "The Subway Diaries"

For all those regretting a missed opportunity, this time Cupid could be on your side! Would-be romantics and all others are invited to the New York Transit Museum on Valentine's Day for a second chance to glimpse that elusive smile of a lost connection nearly made on your daily commute. The New York Transit Museum opens its doors on Monday, February 14 to Craigslist devotees and others, for an evening of "artistic re-purposing" of the on-line **Craigslist Missed Connections** postings, where nameless strangers seek to reconnect. Perhaps you can find that stranger you missed while browsing the Transit Museum's unparalleled collection of vintage subway and rail cars!

Two figures inspired by the quirky pining in these listings of unrequited love will present their personal interpretations. *New York Times* Metro writer **Alan Feuer** will read selections from his column "Poetic Connections" where he chooses posts from the Missed Connections section of craigslist.ny.org, and publishes them verbatim, titled with their subject headings ("But the Damn Bus Came," and "You Said 'Bye' at DeKalb") adding only line and stanza breaks. A pop-up exhibition of prints by illustrator **Sophie Blackall** will display her *Missed Connections*-inspired paintings like "Black Dress, D Train" and "I Gave You My Umbrella but the Wrong Directions." Framed and unframed prints will be available for purchase.

Furtive eye contact and shy smiles are a quintessential New York public transit experience, and the New York Transit Museum is the perfect Valentine's Day venue for connecting the misses and exploring the imaginative flights of fancy these listings inspire in both words and images. Housed underground in a decommissioned subway station in Brooklyn Heights, the Museum's mezzanine level presents exhibits on the building of New York's subway system and the history of public transportation. The block-long platform level displays a collection of vintage cars tracing the history of New York's subway and elevated lines.

It will be an underground evening of wine, cheese, art, poetry and live music by MUNY artists **Left on Red** and **Heidi Kole**. With beer from **Brooklyn Brewery** and chocolate subway tokens from **5th Avenue Chocolatiere**, it's not half bad for a first date!

What: "Missed Connections" Valentine's Day Party, Exhibit and Poetry Reading
When: Monday, February 14th – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Where: New York Transit Museum, corner of Boerum Pl & Schermerhorn St, Brooklyn Heights
Who: Writer Alan Feuer; Artist Sophie Blackall; Musicians Liah Alonso and Kelly Halloran of "Left on Red"; Singer/songwriter/author Heidi Kole
Admission: Free. Refreshments provided by Brooklyn Brewery and 5th Avenue Chocolatiere

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