

Spectral Imagery

Balloonist Silas Brooks and Amelia for the **New England Air Museum** Windsor Locks, CT



Visitors to the New England Air Museum are transported back in time to 1927 to learn about Connecticut's significant contribution to aviation history. A 7-foot wide set depicts the grassy airfield and aircraft hanger of Colonial Airlines in Naugatuk, Connecticut. Pioneer hot-air balloonist Silas Brooks has been forced down by an electrical storm that has moved him in and out of different points in time. There he meets Amelia and they swap stories about Connecticut's unique role in the development of the aviation/aerospace industry.

An open hanger doorway serves as an area to display photographs and video clips of Connecticut aviation pioneers and their accomplishments. This 10-minute story of Yankee ingenuity is highly educational and entertaining.

The "Aviation Pioneer Theater" is a permanent installation at the Museum and was funded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

