

Seattle Art Museum Downtown Visitor Fact Sheet

Location: 1300 Union St., on the corner of First Avenue and Union Street

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 10am–5pm;
Thursday and Friday 10am–9pm.*
Closed Mondays
*Open until midnight on the first Thursdays of each month during our inaugural exhibitions (through 9/9/07)

Admission: \$13 for adults; \$10 for seniors 62 and up and \$7 for students, youth (13 – 19). Members and children 12 and under are free. The First Thursday of each month is free to all visitors, although some special exhibition surcharges may apply. The first Friday of the month is free for seniors 62 and up. **NEW SAM Teen Night – 2nd Fridays.** SAM will be FREE to teens (up to age 19 with ID) on the 2nd Friday of every month from 5pm to 9pm.

Artistic Program: Overall, the expansion provides the museum with more than double the gallery and public space SAM has installed an entirely new presentation of its permanent collection. It includes a newly expanded suite for **Modern and Contemporary art**: a space dedicated to **Jacob Lawrence and Gwendolyn Knight Lawrence**; galleries for **European Art**, including a late-16th century wood-paneled room from northern Italy; and a **Porcelain Room** exhibiting some 1,000 European and Asian porcelains, and expansive galleries for **African Art**. The South Building galleries feature **Northwest Coast Native Americans, Australian Aboriginal and Oceanic Art; Asian Art; art of Mesoamerica and the Andes** and a **Textiles** gallery.

With almost double the museum's special exhibition space, the museum can accommodate larger-scale special exhibitions or two special exhibitions at a time.

TASTE Café: The new restaurant at SAM, TASTE, offers an atmosphere mirroring the new museum spaces' contemporary feel. The dining area's smooth, easy and modern style is home to a lively open-kitchen. SAM's 90-seat restaurant offers excellent Northwest wines and beers and a seasonally changing assortment of small or large plates from its sustainable-source-focused

menu, which is created by executive chef CR Conville. Celebrity chefs, cookbook authors and winemakers fill the 32-seat private dining room for special events. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m.–10 p.m.; Friday through Saturday 11 a.m.–midnight.

Guided Tours: SAM docents provide free public tours of the museum; private and group tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. Call (206) 654-3123 for more information. Sign-language interpretation is available upon request with two weeks' notice; call 654-3124 (voice) or 654-3137 (TDD).

Accessibility: Most public facilities are wheelchair-accessible.

Membership: Annual Seattle Art Museum membership is \$60 for individuals, \$85 for families, \$30 for students, \$35 for seniors and \$200 for patrons. For further information, call (206) 654-3180.

SAM Web Site: Visit SAM's Web site for up-to-date information about museum exhibitions and programs at www.seattleartmuseum.org.

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