

Seattle Asian Art Museum Fact Sheet

Overview	<p>The Seattle Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park opened as the original museum facility in 1933. In 1994, after a new museum building opened in downtown Seattle, this facility reopened as the museum's center for Asian art and activities. The Seattle Asian Art Museum is a lively international hub for Asian art and culture, exhibiting Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Himalayan and Southeast Asian art. The museum's holdings rank in the top 10 outside of Asia, and its Japanese collection is one of the top five in the United States.</p>
Location	<p>1400 E. Prospect Street, Volunteer Park, Seattle, WA 98112</p>
Hours	<p>Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.</p>
Admission	<p>\$5 general admission; free for SAM members. Free to all visitors on the First Thursday of each month and free for seniors on the First Friday of each month.</p>
Design	<p>The art moderne building, first known as the Seattle Art Museum, was designed in 1933 by Carl Gould, a Paris-trained Seattle architect. Gould created a sequence of small and large rooms that are ideal environments for the exploration of discrete aspects of Asian art. The building was renovated and refurbished from 1991–94 and renamed the Seattle Asian Art Museum.</p> <p>Upcoming renovations and preservation work in 2009 will include improvements to the plumbing, electrical, temperature and humidity controls. These upgrades will allow SAAM to continue showing important Asian art exhibitions, while serving as a community and cultural resource through the collection, education programs and events.</p>
Artistic Program	<p>The galleries are devoted to displaying Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Himalayan, Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian art. Selections from the museum's renowned collection of more than 7,000 objects from the 1st to the 21st centuries are on view.</p>
TASTE Café	<p>The restaurant at SAAM, TASTE, offers light fare in the Fuller Memorial Garden Court. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday 11 a.m.–8 p.m.</p>

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 654-3123 for more information. Sign-language interpretation is available with two weeks' notice; call 654-3124 (voice) or 654-3137 (TDD).
Accessibility	All public facilities are wheelchair accessible.
SAM Web Site	SAM's Web site (www.seattleartmuseum.org) contains up-to-date information about museum exhibitions and programs.
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.
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