

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Showcasing more than 2,000 years of exceptional human creativity, the collections and special exhibitions of the Philadelphia Museum of Art present masterpieces of painting, sculpture, decorative arts and architectural settings from Europe, Asia and the Americas. The striking neoclassical building, housing more than 200 galleries across an expanse of 600,000 square feet, is an oasis of beauty and enriching activities—including family programs, lectures, concerts and films.

Founded in 1876, the Museum is unique among American museums in its integrated presentation of painting, sculpture, craft and design. Comprising some 300,000 objects, its permanent collections are among the most extensive and distinguished in the United States. Highlights include the galleries of East Asian art, with objects dating to the third millennium B.C. to the present, including furniture, ceramics, metalwork, sculpture, and paintings, as well as a Japanese ceremonial teahouse, a Chinese palace hall, and a celebrated collection of oriental carpets. The spectacular galleries of European art feature sculpture, stained glass, a 13th-century French cloister, masterpieces of Renaissance painting, a suite of 18th-century interiors, and a superb collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings, including celebrated masterpieces such as Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* and Cézanne's *Large Bathers*. Refined furniture and silver by early Philadelphia craftsmen, extensive holdings of Pennsylvania German arts, and the most important collection of works by the great 19th-century Philadelphia artist, Thomas Eakins, are featured in the American Wing. Art of the 20th century can be traced from the early innovations of Picasso, Braque, Matisse, Brancusi and Duchamp, to spectacular examples of Abstract Expressionism, Pop Art, Color-Field painting, and contemporary work in an astonishing array of mediums.

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