

FACT SHEET ON THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Founded	1876
Original Home	Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park
Present Building Opened	March 1928
Architects	Horace Trumbauer and Zantzinger, Borie, and Medary
Interior Square Footage	633,825 square feet
Objects in Collection	Over 225,000
Museum Hours	Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday evenings until 8:45 p.m. Closed on Mondays and major holidays.
Museum Admission	\$12 adults, \$9 students with valid ID, \$8 senior citizens. Children 12 and under free at all times. Pay as you wish on Sundays. Members free at all times.
Museum Information	(215) 684-7500 recorded information (215) 684-7600 TDD for deaf callers (215) 763-8100 all other inquiries
Exhibitions	The Museum mounts 15-20 special exhibitions each year. For current schedule, call (215) 684-7860.
Internet Website	http://www.philamuseum.org

Education

For all ages including school tours; weekend workshops, tours, and performances for families; and lectures, art history courses, concerts, and films for adults. For information, call (215) 684-7580.

Library

The research library of over 135,000 art books, periodicals, and auction catalogues is open free to Museum Members, university faculty and graduate students, and visiting scholars. Library memberships may also be purchased; call (215) 684-7650.

Collections

The Philadelphia Museum of Art is among the largest and most important art museums in the United States. The collection of Asian art, with objects dating from the third millennium B.C. to the present, includes ceramics, sculpture, paintings, and decorative objects as well as a Japanese ceremonial teahouse, a Chinese palace hall, and a celebrated collection of Oriental carpets.

The European collections include medieval sculpture, stained glass, and a 13th-century French cloister; masterpieces of Renaissance painting; a suite of 18th-century French interiors; and superb Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings, including celebrated masterpieces such as Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* and Cézanne's *Large Bathers*.

The American collections include extensive holdings of Pennsylvania German art; refined furniture and silver by early Philadelphia craftsmen; and the most important collection in the world of works by Philadelphia artist Thomas Eakins.

Modern and Contemporary art collections begin with the early innovations of Picasso, Braque, Matisse, and Duchamp, and include great works of abstract expressionism, pop art, color field painting, and contemporary work in many media.

For further information, contact the Marketing and Public Relations Department of the Philadelphia Museum of Art at (215) 684-7860. The Philadelphia Museum of Art is located at 26th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. For general information, call (215) 763-8100, or visit the Museum's website at www.philamuseum.org. **02/21/02**