The Asian Art Museum of San Francisco connects art to life. Our mission is to inspire new ways of thinking by connecting diverse communities to historical and contemporary Asian art and culture through our world-class collection, exhibitions, and programs.


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Visitor Guide

Asian Art Museum
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Closed January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.
Welcome to the Asian Art Museum

Awe-inspiring artworks ranging from ancient jades to contemporary installations immerse you in the magnificent artistic achievements and intriguing history of the world’s most populous continent.

Plan Your Visit

COLLECTION GALLERIES
The heart of the Asian Art Museum is its world-class collection of more than 18,000 artworks. Explore a rotating selection of more than 2,000 objects from across Asia on the second and third floors. We recommend starting on the third floor in Gallery 1, dedicated to early works from South Asia.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS
Temporary exhibitions spotlighting an artist or theme offer unique viewpoints and rare opportunities to discover outstanding works on loan from other museums and private collections. Find special exhibitions on the first floor in the Yang Yamazaki Pavilion, Osher Gallery, and Lee Gallery, and in the Tateuchi Gallery on the second floor. Check lobby screens to find out what's on view.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONS
Visit the Fang Family Launchpad, the East West Bank Art Terrace, and the Lui Art Wall to find a rotating selection of site-specific works commissioned from contemporary artists.

FOLLOW THE PATH
We've designed a one-way path for social distancing. Follow the arrows for our recommended path through the collection galleries. It will lead you up the escalator to the third floor, looping back down to the second and first floors.

MOBILE GUIDE
Get more out of your visit with our self-guided multimedia tours, available on the free Asian Art Museum app. Use the QR code to download today.

INFORMATION
Stop by the information desk to ask a question or borrow a wheelchair, stroller, or stool. We're here to help.

SHOP
Head to the Cha May Ching Museum Boutique for an expertly curated selection of items sourced from across Asia and from local artisans, plus an unparalleled selection of books about Asian art and culture.

SNAP AND SHARE  #AsianArtMuseum @AsianArtMuseum
We encourage taking photos for your personal use (unless otherwise marked) and be sure to share your experience with us on social media. (Please, no flash, selfie sticks, or tripods.)
Discover the Diverse Cultures of Asia

THE PERSIAN WORLD & WEST ASIA

SOUTH ASIA

SOUTHEAST ASIA

China

Southeast Asia

Korea

Japan

Turkey

Iraq

Syria

Iran

Afghanistan

Pakistan

Nepal

Bhutan

Bangladesh

Myanmar

Thailand

Vietnam

Cambodia

Brunei

Malaysia

Singapore

Indonesia

East Timor
Short on Time?

**Discover exceptional works**—singled out for their rarity, beauty, or historical significance—by following this path of masterpieces through our collection galleries.

- The Buddha triumphing over Mara GALLERY 2
- The Hindu deity Vishnu GALLERY 8
- The Hindu deity Shiva GALLERY 4
- Crowned and bejeweled Buddha image and throne GALLERY 11
- The Buddhist deity Simhavaktra, a *dakini* GALLERY 12
- Cup with calligraphic inscriptions GALLERY 5
- Ritual vessel in the shape of a rhinoceros GALLERY 14
- Buddha dated 338 GALLERY 16
- Lidded jar with design of a lotus pond GALLERY 17
- The bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara (Guanyin) GALLERY 16
- Moon jar GALLERY 23
- The deities Brahma and Indra (Bonten and Taishakuten) GALLERY 26
- Ewer with lotus-shaped lid GALLERY 21

Want More?

Take a self-guided tour of 55 highlights from our collection. Get the Asian Art Museum app on your phone.
Visiting with Kids?

Take a family selfie with Reina, our 3,000-year-old bronze rhino (Gallery 14).

Dragon, turtle, pumpkin, or mouse? Find your favorite Japanese miniature carving (netsuke) (Gallery 27).

Use your free Asian Art Museum stylus to interact with the iPads in our galleries. Play videos, rotate 3D renderings, and take a closer look at our masterpieces.

Looking for Contemporary Art?

Explore a rotating selection of modern and contemporary works from the collection in the Hambrecht Contemporary Gallery (first floor).

Head to the loggia for Liu Jianhua’s Collected Letters and Afruz Amighi’s My House, My Tomb in the Fang Family Launchpad (second floor).

Check out murals on the Lui Art Wall and Wilbur Gallery to see what makes artists tick. View from outside the museum on Hyde Street.

Let our curators lead the way with our Contemporary Art mobile guide tour. Download the tour from the free Asian Art Museum app.
Want to Chill?

Find enlightenment with our Meditative Art mobile guide, available on the free Asian Art Museum app.

Purify your mind in the Contemplative Alcove (second floor).

Head to Bogart Court for Zheng Chongbin’s site-specific installation, I Look for the Sky (first floor).

Into Architecture?

Be awed by the Wilbur Grand Staircase, the centerpiece of our historic Beaux-Arts building, designed in 1917 as the city’s main public library.

Take in the elegantly coffered ceiling of lofty Samsung Hall, which formerly housed the library’s card catalogue (second floor).

Relax in the airy and spacious Bogart and Bowes Courts designed by Italian architect Gae Aulenti, who remodeled the former library to be the home of the Asian Art Museum in 2003 (first floor).

Head over to Hyde Street to see the dynamic faceted exterior of architect Kulapat Yantrasast’s striking 2020 addition, the Akiko Yamazaki and Jerry Yang Pavilion.
A Museum for All

We strive to make the Asian Art Museum welcoming and accessible to all.

- Trained guide and service animals are welcome.
- Foldable, portable stools are available for use at the information desk.
- Audio descriptive guides and transcripts for our blind and low-vision visitors are available in multiple languages from the information desk.

Join Today

Apply today’s ticket price toward a membership and get free admission all year long.

The benefits of an Asian Art Museum membership include free unlimited admission, priority registration for certain programs, discounted parking, cafe and boutique discounts, and more.

For more information or to join, stop by the membership desk in the lobby or visit us online at give.asianart.org.

While You’re Here

- The art should touch you—not the other way around. Please admire without touching.
- Please no food or drinks in the galleries.
- Enjoy the moment by silencing cell phones and refraining from phone conversations in the galleries.
- We encourage you to take and share photos of your visit for personal use only. Please no flash, selfie-sticks, or tripods—they can disturb other visitors and damage the art.
- We love when our visitors sketch in the galleries—please draw or take notes with pencils. Only have pens? Pencils are available for purchase in our museum store.
- Have fun with little ones. Strollers are allowed in the galleries, but you may be asked to park your stroller when the museum is crowded. Flip back a couple of pages for family-friendly activities.
- You may be photographed or filmed by museum staff during your visit. We may use these images in online or printed museum materials. Parents of minors will be asked for permission before filming.

- Large-print labels are available online for special exhibition galleries.
- Noise-dampening headphones are available at the information desk.
- For any other needs, please ask at the information desk.
- Check our website for a complete list of our accessibility initiatives.
At a Glance

**FIRST FLOOR**
Special Exhibition Galleries:
- Yang Yamazaki Pavilion (Opening 2021)
- Wilbur Gallery (Opening 2021)
- Lee Gallery
- Osher Gallery
- Hambrecht Contemporary Gallery
- Shriram Learning Center (Temporarily Closed)
- Koret Education Center (Temporarily Closed)
- Boutique
- Cafe (Temporarily Closed)

**SECOND FLOOR**
Collection Galleries:
- China
- Korea
- Japan
- Samsung Hall
- East West Bank Art Terrace (Opening 2021)
- Fang Family Launchpad
- Liu Jianhua's Collected Letters
- Tateuchi Gallery (Special Exhibitions)

**THIRD FLOOR**
Collection Galleries:
- South Asia
- The Persian World and West Asia
- Southeast Asia
- The Himalayas and the Tibetan Buddhist World
- China

**EXTERIOR**
- Lui Art Wall
- Osher Plaza
- Village Artist Corner