The Asian Art Museum celebrates, preserves, and promotes Asian and Asian American art and cultures for local and global audiences. We provide a dynamic forum for exchanging ideas, inviting collaboration, and fueling imagination to deepen understanding and empathy among people of all backgrounds.

Visit asianart.org for current hours. Closed January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

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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 and its diaspora.

Plan Your Visit

**COLLECTION GALLERIES**
The heart of the Asian Art Museum is its world-class collection of more than 19,000 artworks. Explore a rotating selection of more than 2,000 objects 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 Foundation 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 (second floor in the Jerome and Thao Dodson Loggia) and the Lui Art Wall (Hyde Street, on building exterior) to find a rotating selection of site-specific works commissioned from contemporary artists.

**GUIDED TOURS**
Get more out of your visit with a lively and informative tour led by a docent. Inquire at the information desk about the tour schedule.

**MOBILE GUIDE**
Enhance your visit with our self-guided multimedia tours. Explore the art of meditation, contemporary art, and museum masterpieces with ASL and descriptive audio, available on the free Asian Art Museum app. Use the QR code to download today.

**PROGRAMS**
Offerings include regularly-scheduled Family Fun Days, art-making activities for kids, and performances and workshops for all ages. Inquire at the information desk or visit asianart.org.

**HANDS-ON PROJECTS**
Learn by doing! Get creative with self-directed, hands-on activities inspired by special exhibitions in the Shriram Learning Center.

**GROUP VISITS**
Groups enjoy discounted admission and express entry into the museum, as well as the option of a private docent tour. For more information or to reserve, visit the information desk or about.asianart.org/group-visits.

**TASTE**
Relax and refresh with a tantalizing variety of Asian and Asian American inspired dishes, drinks, and snacks at our cafe on the first floor.

**SHOP**
Head to our 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 Asia and Asian art.

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

THE HIMALAYAS & THE TIBETAN BUDDHIST WORLD

SOUTH ASIA

THE PERSIAN WORLD & WEST ASIA

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Find works from these regions in our galleries.
Short on Time?

Discover exceptional works—singled out for their rarity, beauty, or historical significance—by following the path of masterpieces through our collection galleries.
Visiting with Kids?

Pick up a Draw with Reina Activity Pack at the information desk to sketch or doodle in the galleries.

Take a closer look at artworks in the collection galleries with our Art Cards; borrow them from the information desk. Available in English and Chinese.

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

Get hands-on and express yourself in the Shriram Learning Center (first floor).

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

Are you here on a First Sunday? Then you’re in for a Family Fun Day! On Family Fun Days, myths and tales from Asia come alive with storytelling in the galleries, followed by hands-on art activities led by the museum’s Art Speak interns. Check lobby screen for details.

Looking for Contemporary Art?

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


Check out murals on the Lui Art Wall to see what makes local artists tick (Hyde Street, on building exterior).

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 Betty Bogart Contemplative Alcove (second floor).

Grab a seat to relax and keep your hands busy with an art project in the Shriram Learning Center (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, of Musée d’Orsay fame. She 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 be accessible and welcoming to all.

- Trained guide and service animals are welcome.
- Foldable, portable stools are available for use in the galleries.
- Braille floor plans are available at the information desk.
- Complimentary tablets are available to access audio descriptions and an American Sign Language (ASL) tour of the museum’s masterpieces from the information desk.
- Large-print labels are provided in special exhibition galleries.
- Request Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) for daily tours from your docent.
- For any other preferences, please ask at the information desk.
- Check our website for a complete list of our accessibility initiatives.

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 at the information desk where you may also pick up a Draw with Reina Activity Pack.
- 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.

Become a Member

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

The benefits of an Asian Art Museum membership include free unlimited admission, invitations to virtual and in-person member events and programming, M.C. Cha Museum Boutique and parking discounts, and more.

To join, stop by the membership desk, the M.C. Cha Museum Boutique, or contact Member Services at 415.581.3740. Learn more online at give.asianart.org.
At a Glance

FIRST FLOOR
Special Exhibition Galleries:
- Yang Yamazaki Pavilion
- Wilbur Gallery
- Lee Gallery
- Osher Gallery
- Hambrecht Gallery
- Shriram Learning Center
- Koret Education Center
- M.C. Cha Museum Boutique
- Asian Art Museum Cafe

SECOND FLOOR
Collection Galleries:
- China
- Korea
- Japan
- Samsung Hall
- Dodson Loggia:
  - Fang Family Launchpad – Afruz Amighi’s
  - My House, My Tomb
  - 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