



## Press Release

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### MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON TICKETING, MEMBERSHIP, AND VISITOR INFORMATION

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The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), is offering a variety of ways to be among the first to see the new Art of the Americas Wing. Members will be able to preview the wing during Members' Week November 14–19. On Saturday, November 20, the public is invited to attend the Museum's Free Community Day from 10 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. In addition, tickets are now available for visitors to view the new wing and the entire Museum beginning Sunday, November 21. They can be purchased at the MFA's Huntington Avenue entrance on the Avenue of the Arts, the State Street Corporation Fenway Entrance, and online at [ww.mfa.org/tickets](http://www.mfa.org/tickets).

#### TICKETS

Members are always admitted free.

Admission to the MFA, which includes full-day access and one repeat visit within 10 days, is:

- \$20 for adults
- \$18 for senior citizens and college students (University Members are admitted free)
- Youths 7–17 are admitted free (except during school hours, when admittance is \$7.50)
- Youths 6 and younger are always admitted free
- Admission includes the special exhibition *Fresh Ink: Ten Takes on Chinese Tradition* (on view through February 13, 2011) in the Ann and Graham Gund Gallery and all MFA exhibitions
- Wednesday nights after 4 p.m. admission is by voluntary contribution; in December, State Street Corporation is the sponsor of "Nights at the Museum," which provides free admission after 4 p.m.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Members may preview the new wing for the Art of the Americas the week of November 14–19 and are invited to special evening receptions on November 15 and 16. Those interested in becoming members and supporting the Museum can sign up for memberships at MFA ticket desks during Members' Week and gain immediate entry to the Museum, or can become members online. **Special hours for Members' Week:**

- Sunday, November 14, noon–8 p.m. (please note extended hours)
- Monday, November 15, 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 16, 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 17, 10 a.m.–9:45 p.m.
- Thursday, November 18, 10 a.m.–9:45 p.m.
- Friday, November 19, 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m. (MFA closes early)

Membership to the MFA includes free admission and guest passes (number based on membership level), as well as invitations to members-only exhibition previews, special events, and family programs. Discounts are available on parking (including Red Sox game parking), dining, lectures, concerts, and Museum Shop purchases. Members receive *Preview*, the MFA members' magazine, and e-mail with exhibition information, exclusive invitations, and special offers. The cost of membership is tax deductible.

The two introductory levels of membership are Supporter (\$75–\$109), which includes one adult and children 17 and under, plus one single-use guest pass, and Contributor (\$110–\$249), which includes two adults and children 17 and under, plus two single-use guest passes. For additional information about membership and all other levels, visit the MFA website at [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org) or call 617.369.3395. (The in-kind media sponsor of the MFA's Membership Program in WBUR 90.9 FM.)

## **FREE COMMUNITY DAYS**

- The MFA will celebrate the first day that it is open to the public on Saturday, November 20, from 10 a.m. to 9:45 p.m., when visitors are invited to a Free Community Day sponsored by Bank of America.
- Another opportunity to visit the Museum free of charge is on Wednesday, November 24, during a Free Community Day sponsored by State Street Corporation from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (the Museum closes early that day in anticipation of Thanksgiving).

## **MULTIMEDIA GUIDES**

Multimedia guides for adults and children are available for rental (\$5 for members, \$6 for the general public, and \$4 for children) at the Museum's ticket desks. Among the features of the guides are images and narration for more than 500 works, as well as videos of curators and artists. There are 120 collection highlights on the guides translated into seven languages—Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Chinese, and Japanese. The guides also incorporate special features for those who are blind, have low vision, are deaf or hard of hearing, allowing all visitors to use the same device.

## **VISITOR AMENITIES**

The expansion and renovation of the MFA have resulted in enhanced visitor amenities for the approximately one million visitors who come to the Museum each year. These include:

- New ticketing areas and self-ticketing kiosks at both the Huntington Avenue entrance and State Street Corporation Fenway Entrance
- Sharf Visitor Center, where visitors can learn more about exhibitions, tours, and special programs at the MFA; the Museum's new Map and Visitor Guide also is available there in seven languages (Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Chinese, and Japanese), and at both entrances
- Daily tours (except Monday holidays), free with admission, highlighting the Museum's collection in English; tours in French, Russian, and Spanish also conducted at various times each week, made possible by The Lowell Institute
- A variety of free (with admission) gallery talks offered each week
- Concierge computers in the Sharf Visitor Center available for the public to access interactive tours of the Museum's encyclopedic collection
- Four dining venues, including the *New American Café* in the Shapiro Family Courtyard
- Three opportunities to shop, at the original Bookstore & Shop in the Linde Family Wing for Contemporary Art (Level 1), and two new shops at the Huntington Avenue Entrance (Level 1), and adjacent to the new Ann and Graham Gund Gallery (LG).
- Additional restroom facilities now available throughout the Art of the Americas Wing
- Valet parking available at Huntington Avenue entrance.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

The Museum is accessible to visitors with disabilities—all entrances are accessible and have a drop-off area, and free manual wheelchairs and walkers are available (on a first-come, first-served basis, without reservations). For further information about Museum accessibility services, please email [access@mfa.org](mailto:access@mfa.org) or call 617.369.3189 (voice) or 617.267.9703 (TTY). Accessibility is generously supported by Bank of America, with additional support from The Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation, The Lowell Institute, and the Maida S. Abrams Fund for Increasing Access and Educational Opportunities for People with Disabilities.

## **PARKING AND DIRECTIONS**

The MFA is accessible by taking the Green line E train to the MFA stop, the Orange line to the Ruggles stop, bus #39 to the MFA stop, or #8, 47, or CT2 buses to the Ruggles Street stop. For driving directions, please go to [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org). Parking, which is discounted for members, is available in the surface parking lots on Museum Road and in the Museum garage.

## **MUSEUM HOURS**

Saturday through Tuesday	10 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday	10 a.m.–9:45 p.m.

*The Museum is open seven days a week and is closed only on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Patriots' Day, and Independence Day.*

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