Kresge Art Museum Expansion Fact Sheet

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Project Description
To better accommodate its growing collection and extensive educational and community programs, Kresge Art Museum and interested members of the community have initiated a campaign to expand the museum. This expansion will provide larger display galleries, collection storage, education and meeting rooms, a discovery gallery, reception and social areas and expanded visitor amenities, all of which will more than triple the size of the existing museum. The architecturally striking structure and its contents will be regarded with pride as a center for entertainment, excitement and enrichment that will greatly enhance the quality of life in mid-Michigan.

Project Goal
Pending funding, construction will begin in two phases starting in 2006 and ending in 2009, the museum's 50th anniversary.

Projected Cost
The total cost of the project, which will be underwritten entirely by private donors, businesses and foundations, is expected to be approximately $11-12 million, based on current estimates for the building developed by the architects. Fundraising is already under way; for additional information, please contact Susan J. Bandes, director, Kresge Art Museum at 517/353-9836. Numerous naming opportunities are available for large and smaller donations including naming the museum ($6 million), the various galleries, the grand lobby, art promenade, education spaces, sculpture and art terraces, and the administrative suite. Options range from several million dollars to $10,000 and $5,000 for display niches.

Design Features
Total museum space: 42,000 gross square feet (the current Kresge Art Museum is 10,000 square feet).

- Phase One, north wing: 24,000 square feet, including 5,500 square feet of renovated space (cost: approximately $5-6 million)
- Phase Two, south wing: 18,000 square feet of new space (cost: approximately $5-6 million)

The north wing and entrance to the museum on Auditorium Road will feature a glass-walled lobby. The first floor will also include a gallery for works from the permanent collection, a Works on Paper gallery, the discovery gallery, museum store, an education room, a roof sculpture garden, collection storage, a terrace, and visitor amenities. An interior ramp will extend from near the entrance along the north side of the museum to the second floor galleries.

The south wing will include a lobby with a view of the river, additional permanent collection galleries, a special exhibition gallery, two terraces and a roof sculpture garden.

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Special Features

- Increased gallery space for permanent collection with higher ceilings to accommodate large work
- Increased special exhibition space
- Education room and discovery gallery
- Expanded areas for collection storage
- New museum store
- Terraces suitable for the installation of sculpture

Preliminary Study and Architectural Concept

The preliminary study and architectural concept for the expansion was completed by Hammel Green & Abrahamson, Minneapolis, Minn., in collaboration with Duce Simmons Associates, Troy, Mich.

Planning Committee

Members include Susan J. Bandes, director, Kresge Art Museum; Pat Paulsell, associate dean, College of Arts & Letters; William Latta, assistant director, Office of Planning and Budgets; Mark Haslam, engineer/architect, Physical Plant; Deborah Kinney, landscape architect, Campus Park and Planning; and Norbert Freese, preparator, Kresge Art Museum.

Better Art Museum, Because Art Matters (BAM) Committee

In 1999, the Friends of Kresge Art Museum formed the Better Art Museum, Because Art Matters (BAM) Committee with the goal of ensuring that the vision of an expanded art museum becomes a reality. For more information about the Campaign for a Better Art Museum and the BAM Committee, visit www.BAMatMSU.org.

Museum Background

The Kresge Art Museum, founded in 1959, is the only art museum in mid-Michigan. It was originally called the Kresge Art Gallery and today is part of Michigan State University's College of Arts and Letters. In 1967, the North Gallery was added to the museum. Kresge Art Museum's collections include modern and contemporary art, photography, and Greek, Roman, Egyptian, African, Asian, Islamic, pre-Columbian, European and American works of art and artifacts. Current collection initiatives include Old Master drawings and prints, figurative Expressionism and photography.

Museum Mission

Kresge Art Museum provides education and aesthetic enjoyment for diverse audiences. Through its permanent collection and special exhibitions, it offers opportunities for interdisciplinary and cross-cultural interpretations of current and historical thought. By researching, presenting and preserving art from various times and cultures, the museum serves the Michigan State University community, the general public of mid-Michigan, and beyond.

Visitor Information

Kresge Art Museum is located on the campus of Michigan State University on Auditorium Road between the MSU Auditorium and the Alumni Chapel.

Hours: Monday- Friday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Thursday until 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon- 5 p.m. Summer hours are in effect from Memorial Day through July. The museum is closed during the month of August. Admission is free. For more information, call 517/355-7631 or visit www.msu.edu/unit/kamuseum.

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