Who we are
The Frist Art Museum (FAM) opened in April 2001 and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Originally conceived through a community visioning process to shape the city’s future, FAM is a leading institution in Nashville’s cultural fabric and has gained national and international recognition for its exhibitions and programs. Located downtown in a beautifully restored 1934 art deco building, FAM serves a metropolitan area with more than 1.95 million people. In 2021, museum operations and programming were managed by a staff of nearly seventy, led by executive director and CEO Susan H. Edwards, PhD, and guided by a twenty-nine member board.

Mission
The mission of the Frist Art Museum is to present and originate high-quality exhibitions with related educational programs and community outreach activities.

Vision
The vision of the Frist Art Museum is to inspire people through art to look at their world in new ways.
Much like the previous year, 2021 presented challenges for the Frist Art Museum and world at large with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As we continue to navigate through uncertain times, FAM’s highest priority remains the health and safety of our guests, staff, and volunteers. Although FAM reopened to the public in July 2020 and we continue to strive for a sense of normalcy, we remain diligent in taking every necessary precaution to protect everyone in our building. FAM’s expert staff continues to provide online programs, educational opportunities, and art-making activities. Access to the arts and creative expression is now more important than ever, as we seek to process the world around us and find solace and strength in the face of uncertainty.
Ingram Gallery

*Picasso. Figures*
February 5–May 9, 2021

*Designing the New: Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the Glasgow Style*
June 11–September 12, 2021

*American Art Deco: Designing for the People, 1918–1939*
October 8, 2021–January 2, 2022

Upper-Level Galleries

*Creating the American West in Art*
March 5–June 27, 2021

*Kara Walker: Cut to the Quick*
July 23–October 10, 2021

*Medieval Bologna: Art for a University City*
November 5, 2021–January 30, 2022

Conte Community Arts Gallery

*A Landmark Repurposed: From Post Office to Art Museum*
January 8, 2021–February 27, 2022

The Conte Community Arts Gallery is free to the public and showcases exhibitions inspired and created by the community. FAM estimates that 95 percent of its visitors encounter this gallery, making it an ideal space for guests to create meaningful connections between featured art from around the world and Nashville’s vibrant culture and history.

Gordon Contemporary Artists Project Gallery

*Liliana Porter: Man with Axe and Other Stories*
February 5–May 9, 2021

*Bethany Collins: Evensong*
June 11–September 12, 2021

*Mary Sibande: Blue Purple Red*
October 8, 2021–January 2, 2022

The Gordon CAP Gallery is specifically dedicated to presenting the most dynamic and stimulating contemporary art from around the world. CAP exhibitions promote multiculturalism, with their contents offering special relevance to the growing, ever-diversifying population of Middle Tennessee.
Total FAM Staff
66

Exhibition Statistics
Total Number of Exhibited Objects
700–750
Total Number of Artists Shown 200 (12 living, 8 local)

Total FAM Volunteers
237
86 active volunteers
6,859 volunteer hours

Total Martin ArtQuest® Gallery Attendance
19,481

Total Guests Ages 18 and Under
17,814

Total Guests
154,525
Membership

A membership to the Frist Art Museum is more than just free admission; it is a passport to some of the greatest art collections in the world. Through special exhibitions, lectures, and programming, we strive to make the Frist Art Museum yours—a place for reflection, rejuvenation, and inspiration. Revenue received through memberships helps support the Frist’s mission.

New Memberships 3,199
Membership Renewals 4,612
Number of Households 10,843
Education and Community Engagement

FAM offers learning opportunities designed to educate, delight, and inform audiences with a diverse range of interests. Educational programs include gallery talks, lectures, live music, tours, Family Festival Days, and studio workshops and demonstrations. FAM places a high priority on accessibility, fostering a welcoming environment so that all visitors can experience the arts regardless of prior knowledge, socioeconomic status, or ability.

Public Program Attendance

3,672
for 41 public programs

10,474
visitors on 290
tours
(includes self-guided, docent-guided, and online tours)

Education and Community Engagement Program Attendees

1,539
for 72 programs
(online and in person)
Community Partners

Since 2000, the Frist Art Museum has partnered with trusted local institutions to provide art education programs to Nashville-area communities. We collaborate with our Community Partners to offer the Art Trunks program to groups of all ages throughout Davidson County and to serve pre-school and after-school youth, English as a second language and adult basic education learners, families, and senior citizen groups.

Sustaining
Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville
Daybreak Arts
Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee
FiftyForward Madison Station
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville
Metro Parks Looby Community Center
Metro Parks Napier Community Center
Metro Parks Visual Arts
Nashville Public Library Main Library
Nashville Public Library Thompson Lane Branch
Oasis Center
The Salvation Army Nashville
Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

Core
Bethlehem Centers of Nashville
Catholic Charities of TN Refugee and Immigration Services
Conexión Américas
Easterseals Tennessee
Eighteenth Avenue Family Enrichment Center (EAFEC)
FiftyForward Bordeaux
FiftyForward Donelson Station
FiftyForward J. L. Turner Center
Healing Arts Project, Inc.
Hispanic Family Foundation
Martha O'Bryan Center
Metro Parks Antioch Community Center
Metro Parks Bellevue Regional Community Center
Metro Parks Coleman Park Community Center
Metro Parks Easley Community Center
Metro Parks East Park Community Center
Metro Parks Elizabeth Senior Center
Metro Parks Hermitage Community Center
Metro Parks Madison Regional Center
Metro Parks McCabe Regional Community Center
Metro Parks Old Hickory Community Center
Metro Parks Paradise Ridge
Metro Parks Parkwood Community Center
Metro Parks Sevier Park Regional Community Center
Metro Parks Shelby Community Center
Metro Parks Smith Springs Community Center
Metro Parks Southeast Community Center
Metro Parks Watkins Park Community Center
Nashville International Center for Empowerment (NICE)
Nashville Public Library Bordeaux branch
Nashville Public Library Donelson Branch
Nashville Public Library East Branch
Nashville Public Library Edgehill Branch
Nashville Public Library Edmondson Pike Branch
Nashville Public Library Goodlettsville Branch
Nashville Public Library Green Hills Branch
Nashville Public Library Hadley Park Branch
Nashville Public Library Inglewood Branch
Nashville Public Library Looby Branch
Nashville Public Library Madison Branch
Nashville Public Library North Branch
Nashville Public Library Old Hickory Branch
Nashville Public Library Pruitt Branch
Nashville Public Library Southeast Branch
Preston Taylor Ministries
Project for Neighborhood Aftercare (PNA)
Project Return
Safe Haven Family Shelter
St. Luke's Community House
Thistle Farms Residential
YMCA Community Action Program (YCAP)
Youth Encouragement Services Carpenter's Square
Youth Encouragement Services Lindsley Center
Family Programs: 1,901 unique views and activity downloads
Family programs included in-person and online experiences with age-appropriate activities including trilingual Storytimes in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language, puppetry and music performances, and more.

Audio Tours: 36,386 streams
Audio tours provided visitors with engaging ways to connect with exhibitions, including poetry, imagined conversations, and insights into artists’ lives and works.

FristKids.org: 24,070 total views and activity downloads
FristKids.org features videos of art projects and printable activity sheets to help users explore, create, connect, and discover wherever they are.
Martin ArtQuest Gallery

The Martin ArtQuest (MAQ) Gallery is Nashville’s premier destination for hands-on art experiences. Visitors of all ages and abilities participate in activities at accessible stations that emphasize creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking. Visitors are provided with high-quality materials, and the activities can be scaled to each participant’s ability.

Total MAQ attendance: 19,481
Total FristArtMuseum.org Page Views

2,096,310

Social Media Impressions

838,037 Twitter
11,127,512 Facebook
3,051,855 Instagram
87,749 LinkedIn

New Followers

2,811 Twitter
11,211 Facebook
17,600 Instagram
17,600 LinkedIn
The top five visiting cities are listed on the map.

**Top Five Non-US Countries**
1. Canada
2. United Kingdom
3. Mexico
4. Ireland
5. Germany

**Top Five States**
1. Tennessee
2. Kentucky
3. Alabama
4. Florida
5. Georgia
“Thank you for arranging this. It inspired me to give more space to art in everyday life. Although I have done so in the past, after this exhibit I realized I’ve let that attitude lapse.”

– From the comment book for Designing the New: Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the Glasgow Style

“My life in middle TN could not have been the same without this curated space. I can never fully explain the importance.”

– From the comment book for A Landmark Repurposed: From Post Office to Art Museum

“As they say, you can’t be comfortable and grow. This provided the necessary discomfort, perspective, and rawness to lead others to feel and receive insight. Though heavy, I truly appreciated this experience.”

– From the comment book for Kara Walker: Cut to the Quick