



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# Art Museum

*to educate, preserve, exhibit, and enlighten*

## *Group Visits and Guided Tours*

Experience Northern Illinois University Art Museum's exhibitions and collection first-hand! Discover new and interesting contemporary art, learn about the motivations of artists, or explore the richness of traditional visual media with your class, social group, or business colleagues on a guided tour or a self-directed visit.



The Art Museum hosts several professional and diverse exhibitions throughout the academic calendar with three exhibition series examining contemporary issues, traditional art mediums, and diverse cultural experiences. We offer a host of educational programming events including artist's talks, lectures, panel discussions, film screenings, and travel opportunities along with our exhibitions. More information about the exhibitions, events, and educational programming details at the NIU Art Museum may be found by visiting [www.niu.edu/artmuseum](http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum) or calling 815-753-1936. We welcome group visits and guided tours.

### ***How to Arrange a Group Visit or Guided Tour***

To make a reservation today please phone our Education Coordinator at 815-753-1936 or complete the Group Visit and Guided Tour reservation form in-person at the Art Museum or by downloading the online pdf at <http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum/visiting/groupreservationform.pdf>. Tours can be tailored to meet your group's specific needs or curriculum objectives with the Education Coordinator in advance.

### ***Audiences***

We would like your visit to be a positive experience. Please note that many of our exhibitions explore challenging, contemporary subject matter and may not be suitable for all audiences. We recommend that visitors contact the Museum before organizing visits with young children. Please use discretion when considering the age appropriateness of the exhibition's subject matter. Space limitations, layout, safety, and fragility of the artwork in the exhibition and other groups impact our ability to accommodate very large or multiple groups at a single time. We may schedule additional gallery attendants or divide your group into smaller tours.

### ***Gallery Hours and Location***

Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 noon – 4 p.m.; and by appointment for group tours.

**NIU Art Museum, Altgeld Hall 116, First Floor, West End**

### ***Our Mission***

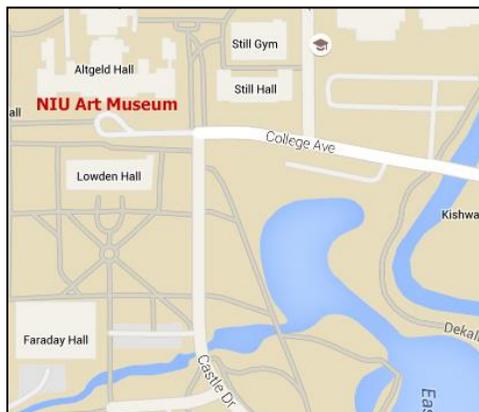
As an art museum belonging to an academic institution, the dual roles of the Northern Illinois University Art Museum are to contribute to the University's educational curriculum and to provide opportunities for art education and cultural enrichment throughout the community. The Museum serves to educate, preserve, exhibit and enlighten by balancing the challenges of contemporary art with the riches of traditional media for a comprehensive examination of visual culture.

### **Admission and Fees**

Exhibitions are open to the public and admission is **FREE**, but donations are always appreciated.

### **Our Location**

The NIU Art Museum is located on the first floor, west end of Altgeld Hall, located on the corner of College Avenue and Castle Drives on the campus of Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.



### **Parking and Bus drop-off**

Bus drop-off is available at the corners of College Avenue and Castle Drive or in Lot 3 northeast of Gilbert Drive and College Avenue. Bus parking can be coordinated with NIU Transportation Services by contacting 815-753-1558. Visitor parking is available in the Carroll Avenue Visitor's Pay Lot; handicapped and metered spots in front of Altgeld Hall; and during public receptions and programs in Lot 3. Campus parking is free on weekends and after 7 p.m. weeknights.

### **Driving Directions**

#### Directions to Altgeld Hall from the North or South

Take I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) or I-39 to I-88 (East-West Tollway).  
Take I-88 west (from I-294) or east (from I-39) to the DeKalb (Annie Glidden Road) exit.  
Take Annie Glidden Road north to Lincoln Highway (Route 38), and turn right.  
Take Lincoln Hwy to Castle Drive, and turn left.  
Follow Castle Drive around the "lagoon" (pond) to College Ave, and turn left.  
Altgeld Hall is large castle building to your right.

#### Directions to Altgeld Hall from Downtown Chicago

Take I-290 West (Eisenhower) to I-88 West (East-West Tollway).  
Take I-88 West to the second DeKalb exit, Annie Glidden Road.  
Take Annie Glidden to Lincoln Highway (Route 38), and turn right.  
Take Lincoln Hwy to Castle Drive, and turn left.  
Follow Castle Drive around the "lagoon" (pond) to College Ave, and turn left.  
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## **Gallery Guidelines**

*Please follow these guidelines to make your visit enjoyable and protect the artwork on display. We would like to make your and other visitors' experience a positive one.*

- Do ask questions!
- Explore the exhibitions and look closely, but refrain from touching the artwork.
- Do use a pencil to take notes or sketch. (Pencils and clipboards are available for group assignments.)
- No pens, markers, or other permanent materials are allowed.
- Backpacks, bags, and large or bulky items should be checked at the Gallery Attendant's desk.
- No food or drinks are allowed in the galleries; School groups may enjoy picnic lunches near the East Lagoon.
- Please do not lean against the walls, doors, or fixtures in the galleries.
- No running, rowdiness, or shouting to encourage quiet contemplation for all visitors.
- Photography for personal use is permitted, but flash photography, tripods, monopods, or photography for commercial uses are not permitted. Artwork on loan may not be photographed without prior permission. Photographers are responsible to ensure copyright laws are observed.
- NIU is smoke-free and does not permit firearms on campus.

