

Museum Information

Welcome!

We look forward to your visit to the University of New Mexico Art Museum.

To Schedule A Group Visit...

For groups larger than ten visitors we require preferably two weeks notice for scheduling. Please call Sara Otto-Diniz, at **505-277-4010** or by e-mail **sodiniz@unm.edu**.

Check our website at

<http://www.unm.edu/~artmuse>

to learn about current exhibitions and to plan your educational objectives. The Museum staff can design a tour to meet your curricular needs.

Click on the "education" link to download a broad range of educational materials.

UNM Art Museum Hours

**Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 4 pm,
Tuesday evening 5 - 8 pm,
Saturday & Sunday 1- 4pm, and
during most events at Popejoy Hall.**

All events are free and open to the public.

For information: **505-277-4001**.
Paid parking available in the Parking Structure, east of the UNM Center for the Arts.

Educational Philosophy

Our mission is to engage visitors with works of art, encouraging them to look more closely and to understand the works they are viewing in a more thoughtful manner. We aspire to foster a relationship between the artworks and the viewer that will inspire a personal, insightful experience.

We would like to bring students into the world of the work of art through explorations that actively engage them in:

perception
reflection
discussion
interpretation

This experiential approach leads students to forge connections between their everyday lives and the greater human experience. In addition, they gain a deeper awareness of themselves and their particular place in the world. We acknowledge that visitors inherently have wisdom and knowledge which they bring to the museum. As museum educators, it is our goal to tap into this inner knowledge so that they may deepen their experiences of the works of art.

*As the ancient Greeks sought inspiration by visiting their *Mouseion*, similarly we visit museums today in search of experiences that illuminate our existence.*

Myth of the Muses (Inspired by Hesiod's *Theogony*)

Once in the long ago, when gods and goddesses ruled the world from high on the many-folded peak of Olympus, the all-powerful Zeus, broad-browed son of Kronos, and exquisite Mnemosyne, the goddess of Memory, had nine beautiful daughters. Born of Memory, these learned sisters grew up on Helicon's great and holy mountain, playing amidst the ancient groves and upon grassy slopes starred with countless flowers. One day when wise Athena visited, she congratulated them on their good fortune in having a home and a vocation which were so pleasant.

When the goddesses grew up, each excelled at an art-form and they were known as the Muses. Calliope, the oldest of the sisterhood, wrote heroic poetry and accompanied herself on the harp with sweeping chords. Clio, the Muse of History, controlled the tides of time; Terpsichore was Muse of the Dance; Erato of lyric poetry; Polyhymnia was Muse of sacred song; Urania of Astronomy; Thalia Muse of Nature and Abundance; Melpomene of Tragedy; and Euterpe, Muse of Flute music which elevates the mind. The Greeks built shrines to the Muses known as *Mouseion*, and people from far and wide visited them in search of inspiration, and insight into what was most important in their lives.

-Sara Otto-Diniz

Resources

Facilities

UNM Art Museum

Print Study Room
(groups of up to 15)

Jonson Gallery

Website



Programs

Tuesday Talks

Opening Receptions

Group and
Class Visits

Teacher Institutes

High School Internships

Museum Etiquette

Remember to finish eating and drinking before entering the museum.

Please walk slowly and do not lean on walls- sometimes they move!

Use inside voices out of respect for others in the museum.

Store your bags and coats at the museum front desk.

Please do not touch the artwork.

Turn off all cellphones.

Prior permission is required for the use of cameras in the museum.

Educators' Checklist

Establish objectives for your museum visit.

Invite chaperones and be sure they understand their role.

Schedule time to prepare students for the visit.

Be sure students know and understand museum etiquette.



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Visitor Guide