Claremont Museum of Art Announces $1 Million Gift from Randall Lewis

The Claremont Museum of Art is extraordinarily grateful and honored to have received a major endowment gift of $850,000 from long-time Claremont resident and philanthropist Randall Lewis. In addition, the Lewis family has given $150,000 for the Museum’s immediate needs. In recognition of these transformational gifts, the Board of Directors will soon modify the Museum’s name to Claremont Lewis Museum of Art.

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Randall’s philanthropy over the years has focused on health, education and the arts in this region. His initial major contribution to CMA in 2016 was the capstone gift to complete Phase 1 of the historic Claremont Depot renovation as the new home for the Claremont Museum of Art. Randall has continued to be a key supporter of the Museum in its formative years. The Inland Empire has benefited from several gifts from the Lewis family, including the Lewis Family Playhouse at Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, the Randall Lewis Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Claremont McKenna College, Lewis’

CMA CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

John Frame Art Walk Closing Reception
Saturday, April 2, 6-9 pm

ARTStation Family Art Activities
Sunday, April 3, 12-4 pm

START it Up! exhibition
May 7-8 and May 13-15, 12-4 pm

Claremont Collects Member Preview
Saturday, May 21, 5-6 pm

Claremont Collects Grand Opening
Saturday, May 21, 6-8 pm

Fall Gala
Saturday, September 24, 5:30 pm

Padua Hills Art Fiesta
Sunday, November 6, 11 am-4 pm

Claremont Museum of Art
Adrienne Luca, Director

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Claremont Collects:
Art, Creativity, Community is the inaugural exhibition in the newly expanded Claremont Museum of Art in the historic train depot. Featuring highlights from the Museum’s permanent collection, including recent gifts, the exhibition showcases work made by artists from the 1930s to today. With a grand opening on May 21, Claremont Collects celebrates our rich artistic legacy, vibrant creative community, and robust support for the arts. The exhibition connects past, present, and future by revealing the depth and breadth of our region’s continuum of creativity and honors Claremont’s role in the history of art of California and beyond. The exhibition, generously sponsored by Gould Asset Management, LLC, will be on view through September 25, 2022.
Community Support Makes CMA a Special Place

During my tenure I have been deeply moved by how firmly rooted the Museum is in our community. I’m continually impressed by the support we receive from our Board and Museum members, artists, collectors, Museum associates, volunteers, friends, and colleagues. Thank you for your patronage and for making the Museum a very special place for all of us.

This has been a busy and exciting time. The current exhibition, John Frame: Mephistopheles and the Swan Girl, was extended through April 24 to give visitors a chance to experience this groundbreaking exhibition. Now we are reorganizing our collection, preparing to launch a new website and planning our inaugural exhibition in the newly expanded Museum. Claremont Collects: Art, Creativity, Community, featuring highlights from the Museum’s permanent collection, will have a grand opening on May 21.

Art and creative expression remind us of our shared humanity. As Millard Sheets so eloquently stated, “Art is many things but, directly or indirectly, it always describes the human condition.” The Museum is a place of solace where you can feed your soul and fill your heart during these difficult times. We hope you will come and visit soon.

– Adrienne Luce, Director

We celebrate a year of successes and challenges amid a shifting landscape during a pandemic year.

MUSEUM EXPANSION
50% of funds raised toward $300,000 goal
1,050 sq ft of gallery space added
1 Director hired
136 works of art in new storage space

PROJECT ARTSTART
1,585 student participants
21 art projects taught online
11 zoom sessions
15 in-person art sessions

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alma mater, the Randall Lewis Health & Policy Fellowship, the Lewis-San Antonio Healthy Communities Institute, and the Lewis Garden Pavilion at the California Botanic Garden. Randall and the Lewis family were recently honored as patrons of arts and culture by the City of Ontario in 2019. Randall and Janell Lewis and their three children, Sarah, Riley and Rosie, have spent the majority of their lives in Claremont and are active in numerous community endeavors.

It is an honor to support the Claremont Museum of Art and to raise awareness of this wonderful community asset. The arts are such a vital part of the Claremont experience, and it is my hope that the Museum will be able to play an even greater role in promoting and showcasing artistry and creativity. – Randall Lewis

The Lewis endowment gift will be invested in perpetuity, with only a portion of the interest and earnings spent annually in accordance with established industry practices. These annual spending amounts will be unrestricted and used to support the Museum’s operating budget. Consistent with the donor’s wishes, the $150,000 gift will be used immediately to provide a Challenge Grant to help complete Phase 2 of the Museum’s expansion and for capacity building and additional programming to increase public access.

In its first step to increase access, the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art is pleased to welcome the community to Free Fridays every Friday, from noon to 4pm, beginning April 1. CMA’s redesigned website, currently under construction, will be launched in mid-April showcasing the Museum’s new name and logo.

Strong Contributions Enable Museum Expansion

2021 revenue was $395,485, a 68% increase over the prior year, driven by strong contributions in support of the “Imagine More Museum” campaign, a return of the in-person Fall Gala and Padua Hills Art Fiesta and grants from the Los Angeles County Department of Arts & Culture and the California Relief Fund. Expenses were contained to $302,099, allowing for an increase in net assets of $93,384. This substantial increase in net assets allowed the Museum to start, in the summer of 2021, the renovation of the eastern two rooms of the Museum, more than doubling the space available for art and community activities. – Rae Rottman, Treasurer

2021 REVENUES
- MEMBERSHIPS 5%
- GRANTS 9%
- ADMISSIONS & SALES 14%
- DONATIONS 72%

2021 EXPENSES
- FUNDRAISING 11%
- ADMINISTRATIVE 14%
- PROGRAMS 75%

2021 NET ASSETS
- GRANTS RECEIVABLE with Donor Restrictions 2%
- LEASEHOOD IMPROVEMENTS 54%
- CASH, without Donor Restrictions 46%

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