

THE RUBIN MUSEUM OF ART FACT SHEET

The Rubin Museum of Art is an arts oasis and cultural hub in New York City's vibrant Chelsea neighborhood that inspires visitors to make powerful connections between contemporary life and the ideas, cultures, and art of the Himalayas, India, and neighboring regions. With an emphasis on cross-cultural connections, the Rubin's special exhibitions celebrate art forms that range from ancient to contemporary, including photography and multimedia, while its permanent collection galleries are focused primarily on art from the Himalayan region.

Key Rubin Museum Facts

- Opening date: October 2, 2004
- 1.4 million visitors who have enjoyed over 100 exhibitions and 3,500 programs to date
- 75,000 square feet of space, including galleries, a state-of-the-art theater, a dedicated 5,000 square-foot Education Center, a shop and Café Serai
- 5 gallery floors; two dedicated to the permanent collection; three for special exhibitions
- The original Rubin Museum of Art structure was designed by Beyer Blinder Belle and was occupied by Barneys New York

Leadership

- Patrick Sears, Executive Director
- Bob Baylis, Board of Trustees President
- As founders of the Museum, Shelley and Donald Rubin remain active as members of the Board of Trustees

Permanent Collection

The Rubin Museum's preeminent permanent collection includes over 2,500 objects spanning more than 1,500 years to the present day. Included are works of art of great quality and depth from the Tibetan plateau, with examples from surrounding regions including Nepal, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, China and Mongolia.

Two of the Rubin's six gallery floors and a shrine room installation showcase works from the Museum's permanent collection:

Gateway to Himalayan Art provides visitors with a starting point for contextualizing the rich artistic traditions of the region, illuminating the primary figures, symbols, materials, and techniques presented throughout the Museum.

Masterworks of Himalayan Art represents the diversity of artistic achievements across the full arc of the Himalayas and culturally related areas. Presenting works covering a period of more than 1,000 years, *Masterworks* features some of the most artistically and historically significant works from the Rubin's collection, as well as new acquisitions and gifts.

The Tibetan Buddhist Shrine Room, an installation currently on view in the exhibition *Sacred Spaces*, evokes the aesthetics and atmosphere of a traditional Tibetan place of devotion and offers visitors the opportunity to experience Tibetan religious art in its cultural context. It includes more than one hundred objects, largely from the Museum's collection, including sculptures, paintings, offering bowls, musical instruments, and ritual objects.

Programming

The Museum's innovative programming inspires dialogue and fosters personal connections with the concepts behind the art on view. The Rubin hosts numerous on-stage conversations and engaging workshops with notable personalities from across disciplines with series such as Brainwave, as well as thought-provoking films, intimate concerts, and out-of-the-ordinary experiences such as hosting the first-ever sleepover nights for adults that currently takes place every year.

Education and Access Programs

The Museum is committed to providing all audiences with opportunities for meaningful experiences with the art of the Himalayas, India, and neighboring regions through close observation, discovery, thinking, and emotion. In addition to workshops, classes, and themed tours for students, adults, and families, the Rubin offers programs for visitors who are blind or partially sighted, deaf or hard of hearing, with dementia, or with limited mobility or a mobility aid.

Café Serai

Café Serai features a menu inspired by the aromas and flavors of India, Tibet, and beyond. On Wednesday evenings from 6–9pm, the Café hosts Himalayan Happy Hour, featuring 10% off all menu items (15% off for members) and complimentary live music.

On Friday nights, the Café transforms into the popular K2 Lounge from 6–10pm with a full bar, Pan-Asian tapas, a DJ, and more, along with complimentary gallery admission. Café Serai is open during Museum hours and does not require an admission ticket.

Shop

The Rubin's shop is a premier source for textiles, artisan jewelry, handicrafts, accessories, books, and works of art from and inspired by the Himalayas and across Asia. The shop is open during Museum hours and does not require an admission ticket.

Special Events

The Rubin Museum is an elegant and state-of-the-art space available for private and corporate event rentals ranging from intimate cocktail receptions to large-scale celebrations for up to 500 guests. Special events are typically held outside public Museum hours.

Support & Membership

In recent years, the Museum has received almost 50% of its financial support from donors, including more than 4,000 members, as well as individual donors, foundations, businesses, universities, schools, and government agencies.

The Rubin Museum of Art Visitor Information

Contact Information

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The Rubin Museum of Art also has active pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube (@RubinMuseum), sharing compelling content and engaging with visitors and fans from across the globe in real-time. Join in the conversation with #RubinMuseum

Hours

Monday: 11am–5pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 11am–9pm (Himalayan Happy Hour from 6–9pm)
Thursday: 11am–5pm
Friday: 11am–10pm (K2 Friday Nights from 6–10pm)
Saturday: 11am–6pm
Sunday: 11am–6pm

The Museum is closed on Christmas, Thanksgiving, and New Year's Day. The shop and Café Serai are open during all Museum hours.

Admissions Costs

Adults: \$15

Seniors (65 and older): \$10

Students: \$10

Children (12 and younger): Free

Members: Free

Free every Friday from 6–10pm

Free for seniors on the first Monday of every month

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