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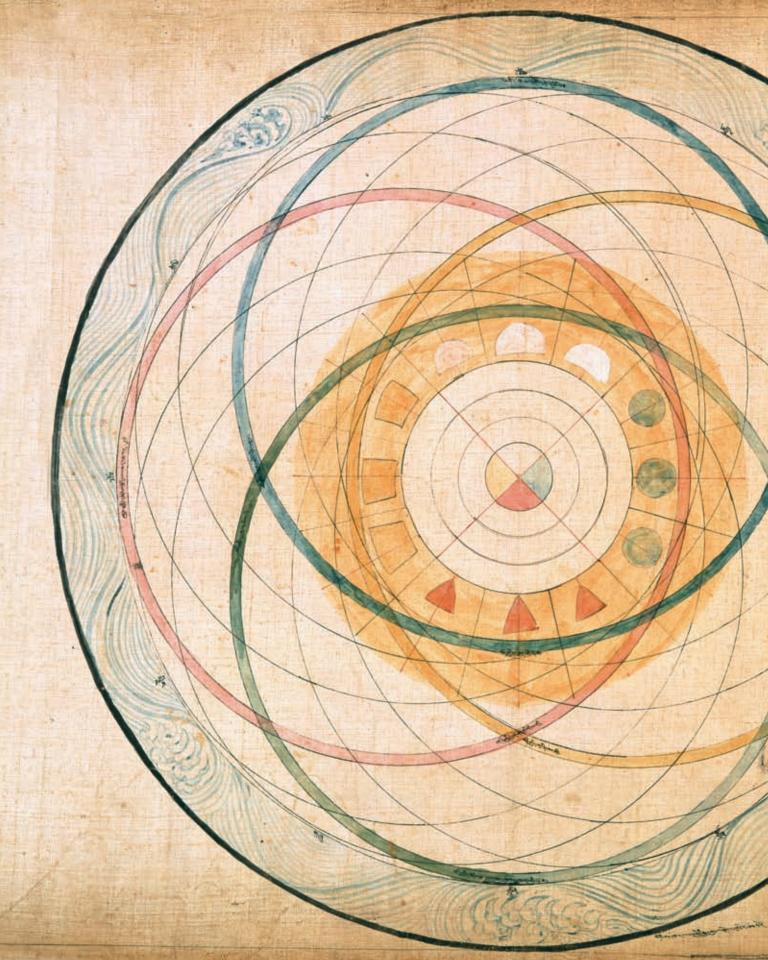
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In traditional Tibetan Buddhist art the circle is an intricate and inspiring representation of an orderly cosmos. This simple shape has symbolic meaning in many cultures, and it appeared as a repeated motif in the exhibitions presented by the Rubin Museum of Art in 2009, including Mandala: The Perfect Circle, The Red Book of C.G. Jung: Creation of a New Cosmology, Victorious Ones: Jain Images of Perfection, and Visions of the Cosmos: From the Milky Ocean to an Evolving Universe. Moreover, the circle is emblematic of the widening influence of the museum on the cultural life of New York City since its opening in 2004. Welcome to the encompassing circle of exhibitions, ideas, and activities of the Rubin Museum of Art.





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"You're smart.
Cultured.
And you've
never been to
the Rubin?"

— Time Out New York, Museums Issue, 2009

The Rubin Museum of Art is a nonprofit cultural and educational institution dedicated to the art of the Himalayas. Its mission is to establish, present, preserve, and document a permanent collection that reflects the vitality, complexity, and historical significance of Himalayan art and to create exhibitions and programs designed to explore connections with other world cultures. The Rubin Museum is committed to addressing a diverse audience—from connoisseurs and scholars to the general public. Through its collection, exhibitions, and programs, the Rubin Museum is an international center for the preservation, study, and enjoyment of the art and culture of the Himalayan region.

MISSION

from the museum's founders

SHELLEY AND DONALD RUBIN

After six years of planning and construction, the Rubin Museum of Art opened its doors on October 2, 2004, to begin a great adventure in the exploration of the arts and culture of the Himalayas. Since that day the museum has presented more than forty exhibitions and five thousand innovative and stimulating public programs, showcasing its collection of more than two thousand objects to manifest the relevance of art from this region in today's world and make it accessible to a large and diverse audience.

The year 2009 has been a particularly gratifying one for us as well as for the museum's entire Board of Trustees and staff. It was ambitious in every respect, but especially in the number of high-caliber exhibitions and public programs that the museum offered. Despite economic uncertainty worldwide, which affected every business and nonprofit organization and led to reductions in our operating budget, the Rubin Museum can boast a banner year with the highest-ever attendance and substantial critical attention in many of the most important national media outlets, including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, and a number of other publications.

The scholarship of the museum's curatorial team was matched by the creativity and dedication of the entire staff. This relatively small group succeeded in creating a remarkable series of exhibitions and programs, exploring, in a variety of ways, concepts and ideas from a fascinating region of the world.

The following pages document the museum's remarkable activities and achievements in 2009 as well as the museum's exhibition history since 2004. In addition we present the financial statements for January 1 through December 31, 2009, and, most important to us, acknowledge our major supporters over these exciting five years of development.

To our fellow Trustees and staff, the museum's members and corporate, foundation, and individual supporters, we want to express our sincere thanks for your efforts and contributions to the success of the Rubin Museum of Art.



Shelley and Donald Rubin

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ROBERT M. BAYLIS

It has been a distinct honor to be part of the birth and early success of the Rubin Museum of Art. What began as a dream of Shelley and Donald Rubin to create an institution that specialized in Himalayan art has become a reality and has developed into a vital arts and education center in the New York City community, expanding our knowledge of world cultures and their relationship to our lives.

Several of us on the museum's Board of Trustees have been pleased to share in the energy and joy surrounding the museum's growth since its inception, and all of us—Trustees, Trustees Emeriti, and Advisers—believe strongly that an awareness and appreciation of art and culture from different regions of the world can foster an appreciation of shared human values and bring together people of different backgrounds.

When Shelley and Donald Rubin donated their collection of almost 1,200 objects, purchased the building, and set out to create a new museum in New York—the first ever focused on Himalayan art—many New Yorkers may have been surprised. The response by the public and the press in the past five years, however, has been remarkable. Since 2004 the museum has welcomed over 800,000 visitors and 5,204 members. Those numbers continue to grow, and the museum has responded with more programs and plans for expansion, including the opening of an Education Center in early 2011.

The beautiful facility in Chelsea that houses the museum's activities is a great asset as is its staff, which quickly established the museum's reputation for innovative exhibitions, excellent education initiatives, and dynamic public programming and performances. Our visitor services, publications, gallery resources, and online offerings are also vested with the highest professionalism—all of which are described on the following pages.

From its auspicious beginning the museum has rapidly made its mark as a nimble and creative institution, shedding light on the art and culture of a lesser-known part of the world for which there has proven to be much curiosity. The Rubin Museum's dedication to exploring the art and culture of the Himalayas reflects the vitality, complexity, and historical significance of the region's art and the connections to contemporary world cultures.

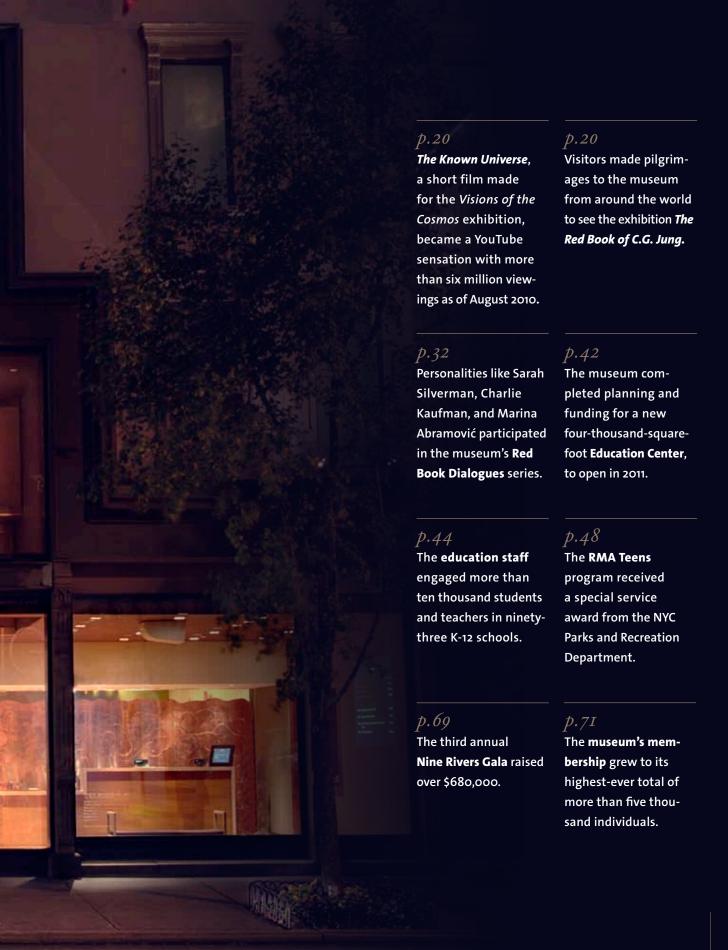
The Board of Trustees is deeply grateful for your support of the museum's work and hopes you will join us in ensuring its continued success.



Robert M. Baylis

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees







Our family was proud to support the museum's beautiful exhibition of Jain art and the handsome and informative catalog that accompanied the exhibition. Both served to raise awareness about the ancient art of this living religion."

—Sital and Suman Jain

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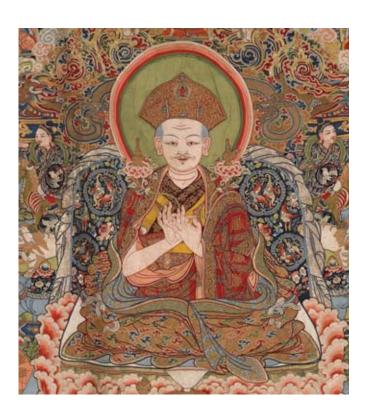
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MARCH 14, 2008 — FEBRUARY 7, 2011

From the Land of the Gods: Art of the Kathmandu Valley

Located between India and Tibet, the Kathmandu Valley represents the heart of the political, religious, and cultural entity known as Nepal. Kathmandu's unique position has fostered cultural exchange, establishing a living creative tradition that is one of the single most important influences in the history of Himalayan art. From the Land of the Gods exhibited the finest examples of Nepalese art from the Rubin Museum of Art collection, highlighting the variety of forms, subjects, techniques, and media that have emerged from the valley's creative matrix.





SEPTEMBER 19, 2008 — JANUARY 5, 2009

The Dragon's Gift: The Sacred Arts of Bhutan

This groundbreaking display of Bhutan's artistic treasures featured an array of sacred objects and offered the outside world a rare glimpse of the ancient Buddhist kingdom. The objects were accompanied to New York by Bhutanese monks Lama Karma Tenzin and Lopen Sonam Wangchuk, who performed purification and appeasement rituals in the gallery each day. It was their first visit to the West. During his visit, Lopen Sonam documented his experiences on a blog on the museum's website. The exhibition was celebrated with *cham* dances at multiple public sites in New York.

This exhibition was organized by the Honolulu Academy of Arts and the Department of Culture, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs of the Royal Government of Bhutan. The art conservation, dance preservation, and educational programs of the exhibition were made possible through the lead support of the Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation.

Major support was provided by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, the Michael and Patricia O'Neill Charitable Fund, Susan Pillsbury, Lawrence and Joyce Stupski, LeBurta G. Atherton, and the Freeman Foundation. Additional support was provided by Hotels & Resorts of Halekulani, Japan Airlines, Drukair, the National Endowment for the Arts, the W. L. S. Spencer Foundation, and Dr. Helqa Wall-Apelt.

The New York presentation of The Dragon's Gift was supported, in part, by The Blakemore Foundation and the Howat Family Foundation. Cham! Ritual Dances of Bhutan and the Weaver-in-residence were made possible, in part, by a grant from the Asian Cultural Council.





OCTOBER 31, 2008 - MARCH 2, 2009

The Last Nomads: Photographs from Inner Mongolia by A Yin

The Wu Zhu Mu Xin are one of the last remaining nomadic tribes in China and an inspiration to the Mongolian photographer A Yin, who has become their advocate by exposing their disappearing lifestyle to the rest of the world. *The Last Nomads* displayed a striking visual account of daily life in the Inner Mongolian highlands over a period of ten years.

DECEMBER 12, 2008 — MAY 11, 2009

Color & Light: Embroidery from India and Pakistan

South Asia has long been famed for the beauty and diversity of its decoratively stitched cloth. Whether produced in male-dominated urban workshops or in the home by rural women, embroidery served multiple purposes in daily and religious life. Drawn entirely from the Textile Museum of Canada's rich holdings of South Asian textiles, Color & Light: Embroidery from India and Pakistan was guest curated for the lender by Dale Gluckman and featured pieces that vividly illustrate how embroidery functions within various ethnic communities and can signify commerce, communal identity, and cultural exchange.



FEBRUARY 6 – AUGUST 17, 2009

Patron and Painter: Situ Panchen and the Revival of the Encampment Style

This exhibition traced the career and artistic legacy of a known Tibetan painter of considerable influence, the great scholar-painter Situ Panchen Chokyi Jungne (1700—1774). Situ was responsible for reviving the Encampment style, a painting tradition established in the sixteenth century in the traveling courts of the great Tibetan Karmapas. Drawing on a combination of Indo-Nepali and Chinese artistic traditions, the Encampment style was fostered under the tutelage and support of Situ, who acted as both artist and patron. The exhibition was accompanied by a catalog.

Support for this exhibition was provided by the Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation.



MARCH 13 - JULY 13, 2009

Stable as a Mountain: Gurus in Himalayan Art

In the Himalayas the subjects of religious portraits are exclusively religious teachers, or gurus. By capturing the physical appearance of a guru, an icon is produced that can charismatically substitute for the teacher in his absence. The portraits presented in this exhibition embody the traits of the guru and the enlightened mind. One such trait, remaining as "stable as a mountain," is often evident in this art as the guru sits in meditation or is shown in spiritual practice.

MARCH 13 — SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

Nagas: Hidden Hill People of India, Photographs by Pablo Bartholomew

Residing in the low Himalayan hills of northeastern India and Myanmar (Burma), the Nagas are a people faced with both tradition and transition. This very diverse community is divided into a number of tribes and sub-tribes and speaks as many as thirty different languages. In Nagas: Hidden Hill People of India the photographer Pablo Bartholomew offered a visual anthropology of these historical headhunters, particularly the preservation of their traditional culture and their interaction with and adoption of Western religion and influence

This exhibition was sponsored, in part, by Air India.



JUNE 12 - NOVEMBER 9, 2009

A Collector's Passion: South Asian Selections from the Nalin Collection

A Collector's Passion brought together more than fifty of the most artistically and culturally significant South Asian and Himalayan works of art from the collection of Dr. David R. Nalin and loans from major museums. The exhibition featured works from India, Bangladesh, Tibet, and Nepal ranging from the third to the nineteenth century that Nalin carefully accumulated over several decades. Works of particular note in this exhibition included four paintings from a large set of Tibetan teachers that honor the transmission of a pivotal Buddhist teaching; a repousée Nagaraja, or King of the Snakes; and a sculpted representation of the wrathful protective Buddhist deity Pehar, executed in pure silver. The exhibition was accompanied by a catalog.

Support for this exhibition was provided by Merck Partnership for Giving, Dr. David R. Nalin, and the Woodcock Foundation.







AUGUST 14, 2009 — JANUARY 11, 2010

Mandala: The Perfect Circle

The mandala is perhaps one of the most ubiquitous and well-recognized Buddhist symbols. These sacred cosmographs are most often represented as circular in shape, and the word "mandala" means both center and circumference. The often graphically intricate objects are created by Buddhists as aids for contemplative visualization practice and meditation and are a tool meant to enable the practitioner to attain a state of enlightenment. *Mandala: The Perfect Circle* included sacred objects from around the world, along with a collection of multimedia and interactive educational materials, to attempt to translate these complex images and the symbols they contain. The exhibition was accompanied by a catalog.

The exhibition, catalog, and related programs were supported by a grant from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation. Additional support was provided by the Cassinelli-Vogel-Stiftung, Zurich, Zurcher Hochschul-Verein; Tatiana Pouschine; and Sandor P. Fuss.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2009 — FEBRUARY 15, 2010

Victorious Ones: Jain Images of Perfection

This exhibition, organized by guest curator Phyllis Granoff, presented powerful paintings and stone and bronze sculptures depicting the Jinas, or "Conquerors," the founding figures of Jainism. Jainism, an ascetic faith dating from the fifth century BCE in India, prescribes nonviolence, the accumulation of few material possessions, and looking at things from the points of view of others. Images of the Jinas are meant to convey their invincible strength, infinite knowledge, and resolve in the face of passions. The exhibition was accompanied by a catalog.

This exhibition was made possible by a lead gift from Sital and Suman Jain and Family. Additional gifts and grants were received from Bina and Navin Kumar Jain, the Rubin-Ladd Foundation, and Ronak Hemant Shah and Family. Promotional support was provided by the Pandya Jain Family Foundation.

OCTOBER 7, 2009 — FEBRUARY 15, 2010

The Red Book of C.G. Jung: Creation of a New Cosmology

This exhibition marked the first public presentation of psychologist C.G. Jung's *Red Book*, believed by many to be the most influential unpublished work in the history of psychology. Jung's fascination with mandalas—Tibetan Buddhist representations of the cosmos used to help reach enlightenment—is evident in the book, where mandala structures figure prominently in a number of sketches and paintings. The exhibition coincided with W.W. Norton & Company's publication of a facsimile and translation of the *Red Book* edited by Sonu Shamdasani, guest curator of the exhibition.

This exhibition was made possible, in part, by contributions from the Jungian Psychoanalytic Association, New York, and the International Association for Analytical Psychology, and by grants from the Oswald Family Foundation, the Theodore J. Krasnow Family Foundation, and the Ann and Erlo Van Waveren Foundation. Promotional support was provided by Pacifica Graduate Institute.



DECEMBER 11, 2009 — MAY 10, 2010

Visions of the Cosmos: From the Milky Ocean to an Evolving Universe

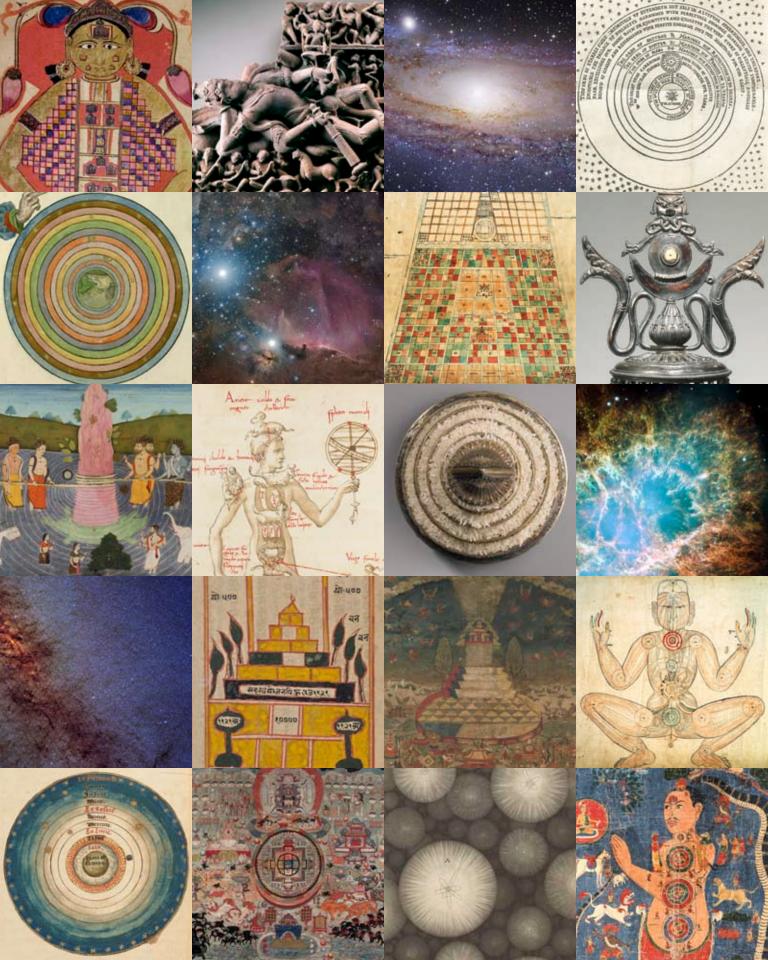
Visions of the Cosmos juxtaposed Eastern and Western conceptions of the universe through approximately seventy works, including sculptures, paintings, illuminated manuscripts, rare books and prints from American and European collections, and photographs of the galaxies taken largely from the Hubble telescope. Visions of the Cosmos marked the first opportunity for visitors to compare European works with the museum's Himalayan art collection.

For the exhibition, the museum, in partnership with the American Museum of Natural History, created a video that starts in the peaks of the Himalayas and zooms out to the outermost reaches of our universe. Called *The Known Universe*, the video became an internet sensation, with more than six million YouTube views as of mid-2010.

This exhibition was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Bodman Foundation, the Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation, and Tatiana Pouschine.

"Go see this book and the exhibition...to glimpse an extraordinary relic of a particular way of thinking about the mind and its history."

– Edward Rothstein, *The New York Times*December 12, 2009





2004-2008

EXHIBITION HISTORY

2004

OCTOBER 2, 2004 - JANUARY 10, 2005

Methods of Transcendence

OCTOBER 2, 2004 — JANUARY 10, 2005

Portraits of Transmission

OCTOBER 2, 2004 — FEBRUARY 20, 2005

Kenro Izu: Sacred Passage to Himalaya

OCTOBER 2, 2004 — FEBRUARY 21, 2005

RMA Recent Acquisitions

OCTOBER 2, 2004—OCTOBER 11, 2005

Sacred History: Sages and Stories

OCTOBER 2, 2004 - MARCH 13, 2006

The Demonic Divine in Himalayan Art

ADDITIONAL VENUES: Asia Society, March 23 – August 22, 2004; Phoenix Art Museum, September 23 – December 17, 2006

OCTOBER 2, 2004 — OCTOBER 16, 2006

Perfected Beings, Pure Realms

"...a small institution that is quietly making itself indispensable to this city's cultural fabric."

> —Holland Cotter, *The New York Times* February 10, 2006



2005

FEBRUARY 19- MAY 8, 2005

Tibet: Treasures from the Roof of the World

This exhibition was organized by the Bowers Museum of Cultural Art in collaboration with the Bureau of Cultural Relics, Tibet Autonomous Region; the Potala Palace; and the Tibet Museum.

FEBRUARY 26, 2005 - JANUARY 9, 2006

Matthieu Ricard: The Compassionate Eye Collections, Parts I and II

MARCH 5 - MAY 22, 2005

Paradise and Plumage: Chinese Connections in Tibetan Arhat Painting

This exhibition was organized in collaboration with the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Skidmore College, where the exhibition was on view September 25, 2004 – January 2, 2005. Support for this exhibition was provided by the Starr Foundation and the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

MARCH 16 - JUNE 20, 2005

Facet: Portraits-Dalai Lama

MAY 31 — OCTOBER 11, 2005

RMA Recent Acquisitions

JUNE 4, 2005 – JANUARY 16, 2006

Female Buddhas: Women of Enlightenment in Himalayan Art

ADDITIONAL VENUES: Oglethorpe University, September 15, 2002 – February 16, 2003, and June 12 – August 24, 2003; Bruce Museum, July 2 – October 16, 2005; Trammell & Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art, February 8 – August 26, 2007

JUNE 11 — SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

Eternal Presence: Handprints and Footprints in Buddhist Art

This exhibition was organized by the Katonah Museum of Art.

JUNE 21, 2005 - OCTOBER 16, 2006

Facet: Portraits-Karmapa

SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 - JANUARY 22, 2006

Vanished Kingdoms: The Wulsin Photographs of Tibet, China, and Mongolia, 1921-1925

This exhibition was organized by the Peabody-Essex Museum in conjunction with the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, and the Aperture Foundation.

OCTOBER 27, 2005 - JUNE 14, 2010

What Is It? Himalayan Art

2006

FEBRUARY 10 — SEPTAMBER 4, 2006

Holy Madness: Portraits of Tantric Siddhas

This exhibition was made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency, and with generous support from the Blakemore Foundation, the Starr Foundation, Swarovski, and the W. L. S. Spencer Foundation.

FEBRUARY 10 - MAY 8, 2006

Holy Madness: Mahasiddhas at Gyantse

FEBRUARY 10 - AUGUST 14, 2006

Holy Madness: Mahasiddhas at Alchi

MARCH 31, 2006 - FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Take to the Sky: Flying Mystics in Himalayan Art

ADDITIONAL VENUES: Oglethorpe University, January 25 – August 8, 2004

SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 – JANUARY 29, 2007

I See No Stranger: Early Sikh Art and Devotion

Funding for this exhibition was provided by the Sikh Foundation, the Sikh Art and Film Foundation, and Mr. Ratansit Sondhe.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2006 — FEBRUARY 26, 2007

Humanitas II: Photographs by Fredric Roberts

Funding for this exhibition was provided by James Burrows and Mrs. Brindell Gottlieb.

OCTOBER 13, 2006 - FEBRUARY 9, 2007

Building the Collection: Acquisitions 2005–2006

NOVEMBER 3, 2006 - APRIL 16, 2007

Mongolia: Beyond Chinggis Khan

2007

MARCH 16, 2007 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2007

The Missing Peace: Artists Consider the Dalai Lama

This exhibition was organized by the Committee of 100 for Tibet and the Dalai Lama Foundation.



APRIL 6 – JULY 16, 2007

Illumination: Photographs by Lynn Davis

MAY 10 — OCTOBER 16, 2007

Wutaishan: Pilgrimage to Five Peak Mountain

MAY 17 — JULY 13, 2007

A Shower of Jewels: Wealth Gods from the Rubin Museum

at the Park Avenue Bank Gallery

AUGUST 17, 2007 — MARCH 17, 2008

BIG! Himalayan Art

ADDITIONAL VENUES: Trammell & Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art, May 10, 2008 – January 4, 2009

SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 — FEBRUARY 11, 2008

Written on the Wind: The Flag Project

SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 - MAY 23, 2008

What Is Tibetan Art?
Selections from the Rubin Museum of Art

at the Trammell & Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art

OCTOBER 5, 2007 — APRIL 14, 2008

Bon: The Magic Word

Funding for this exhibition was provided by the New York State Council on the Arts, the Henry Luce Foundation, the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and the Asian Cultural Council.

NOVEMBER 2, 2007 — FEBRUARY 18, 2008

Bhutan, the Sacred Within: Photographs by Kenro Izu

This exhibition was supported, in part, by Authentic Asia and Chris Stamos. Additional support was provided by the Howard Greenberg Gallery.

2008

MARCH 14 — OCTOBER 13, 2008

Nepal in Black and White: Photographs by Kevin Bubriski

APRIL 4 - AUGUST 18, 2008

Earthly Immortals: Arhats in Tibetan Painting

MAY 2 - NOVEMBER 10, 2008

Red, Black, and Gold

MAY 9 — AUGUST 18, 2008

Buddha in Paradise

ADDITIONAL VENUE: Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University, October 13 — November 25, 2007

FEBRUARY 23 — MAY 11, 2008

Lord of Compassion: Images of Avalokiteshvara from the Rubin Museum of Art

at Oglethorpe University

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Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill, NC

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Amita Chatterjee, New York, NY

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El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY

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St. Galler, Switzerland

Subhash Kapoor,

New York, NY



To heighten your experience at the Rubin Museum, you only have to attend one of the vibrant performances or enlightening talks that complement the exhibitions. Our family is pleased to support music programs at the museum. The acoustics in the theater are superb."

—Linda Schejola

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PROGRAMS



2009

BRAINWAVE

The second annual presentation of Brainwave explored the intersection of mind and matter through discussions with some of the world's premier artists and neuroscientists.

FEB 27 | Going on
Being: Life at the
Crossroads of Buddhism
and Psychotherapy
with psychologist Mark
Epstein and editor
James Shaheen

MAR 4 | Music on the Brain with singer/songwriter Paul Simon and neuroscientist Daniel Levitin

MAR 7 | The Love Response with Eva Selhub and Bardor Tulku Rinpoche

MAR 7 | No One Reacts Here More Than You with **Miranda July** and psychologist **George Bonanno**

MAR 8 | Count Your Blessings: The Science of Positivity with meditation teacher Sharon Salzberg and neuropsychologist Barbara Frederickson MAR 9 | The Science of Rage with comedian Lewis Black and anger management psychologist Robert Allan

MAR 11 | The Second Book of the Tao with author and poet Stephen Mitchell and neurobiologist John Kubie

MAR 15 | Martino
Unstrung with jazz
guitarist Pat Martino,
the film's director
lan Knox, Frederick
Simeone, and moderator Victor Schermer

MAR 19 | The Tree of Life in the Wheel of Becoming with director Darren Aronofsky and neurophilosopher Patrick Grim

MAR 18 | Do You Get Goosebumps, Too? with author **R.L. Stine** and neuroscientist

Joseph LeDoux

MAR 21 | Out of Our Heads with artist Eric Fischl and cognitive scientist and philosopher Alva Noë

MAR 21 | Through Tristan's Eyes with theater director Peter Sellars and neurobiologist Semir Zeki

MAR 22 | Hypnosis vs.
Meditation with Zen
Buddhist meditation
teacher Geoffrey
Shugen Arnold and
psychiatry professor
Amir Raz

APR 2 | *Disgust* with chef **Mario Batali** and neurologist **Paul Rozin**

APR 5 | How God
Changes Your Brain with
neuroscientist Andrew
Newberg and meditation teacher Loch Kelly

The New York Times Community Affairs Department was a media sponsor of Brainwave.

APR 6 | Supersense with neuroscientist Bruce Hood and author Peter Matthiesen

APR 12 | The Bonfire
of the Vernacular with
author Tom Wolfe
and cognitive scientist
Steven Pinker

and Science with professor of Buddhist and Tibetan studies

Donald S. Lopez, Jr., and neuroscientist

Sam Wang

APR 19 | Rapt: The
Focused Life with behavioral science writer
Winifred Gallagher
and performance artist
Laurie Anderson

APR 22 | Ecological
Intelligence with
psychologist

Daniel Goleman

THE RED BOOK DIALOGUES

The exhibition The Red Book of C.G. Jung inspired a series of onstage conversations that paired thirty-two personalities from many different walks of life with psychoanalysts and invited them to personally respond to the painted dreamscapes contained in Jung's Red Book. The imagery and themes that emerged from the interaction with Jung's manuscript served as the starting point for a freewheeling dialogue between guest and analyst.

New York Public Radio-WNYC was the media sponsor of the Red Book Dialogues. Promotional support was provided by the Pacifica Graduate Institute. Programs were presented in association with the C.G. Jung Foundation for Analytical Psychology.

ост 19 | Tibet scholar Robert Thurman and Jane Selinske

NOV 4 | Film director John Boorman and **Christopher Hauke**

NOV 15 | Actress Kathleen Chalfant and Margaret Klenck

DEC 7 | New Yorker essayist Adam Gopnik and Margaret Klenck

OCT 21 | Novelist Gloria Vanderbilt and **Andrea Fiuza Hunt**

Nov 5 | Documentarian Albert Maysles and **Laurie Layton Schapira**

NOV 18 | Painter Philip Taaffe and Diane Fremont

DEC 9 | Director André Gregory and Sylvester Wojtkowski

ост 23 | Dramatist John Patrick Shanley and Polly Young-Eisendrath

Nov 7 | Director and screenwriter Charlie Kaufman and John Beebe

NOV 21 | Musician and artist **David Byrne** and Sherry Salman

DEC 16 | Writer **Andrew Harvey** and Nathan Schwartz-Salant

ост 26 | Novelist Siri Hustvedt and **Beverley Zabriskie** Nov 8 | Holistic healer Sas Carey and **Eric Hollander**

NOV 22 | Greenwich Village building superintendent Mike Chico and Michael Marsman

DEC 20 | Philosopher Cornel West and **Ann Ulanov**

OCT 28 | Zipcar entrepreneur **Robin Chase** and Bruce G. Parent

Nov 8 | Poet **Linda Gregg** and **Beth Darlington**

Nov 8 | Novelist and

activist Alice Walker

and Harry Fogarty

Dreams and **Robin** Stern

NOV 28 | Teenage

DEC 3 | Performance artist Marina Abramović and Lee Robbins

The series concluded in early 2010 with talks featuring graphic designer Stefan Sagmeister, film director Jonathan Demme, composer John Adams, poet Tracy K. Smith, writer Matthew Weiner, and artist Meredith Monk.

ост 30 | Comedienne Sarah Silverman and **Michael Vannoy Adams**

NOV 2 | Twitter co-NOV 14 | Musician **Billy Corgan** and **Morgan Stebbins**

DEC 5 | Tarot card reader Pattie Canova and **Ami Ronnberg**

founder Jack Dorsey and **Douglas Tompkins**





2009

K2 | MUSIC

Naked Soul

Naked Soul is an all-acoustic concert series presenting singer/songwriters scheduled on Friday nights. It is presented with Music Without Borders.

JAN 9 | Cliff Eberhardt

JAN 23 | Tim O'Brien

JAN 30 | Kitka

FEB 27 | Katie Curtis

MAR 6 | Keri Noble

MAR 20 | David Wilcox

APR 3 | Susan McKeown and Loris Sklamberg

APR 15 | Jonatha Brooke

APR 17 | Slaid Cleaves

MAY 1 | Glen Phillips

MAY 15 | Chris Smither

JUN 12 | Rob Mathes

JUL 31 | Alison Brown Quartet

AUG 7 | John Gorka

AUG 14 | Rodney Crowell

AUG 21 | Al Stewart

ост 9 | The Accidentals

NOV 13 | Graham Parker

DEC 4 | Patty Larkin

DEC 11 Dan Bern

Harlem in the Himalayas

Since 2006, in association with the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, the Rubin Museum of Art has been a venue for acoustic jazz on Friday nights. Each performer creates an original piece of music inspired by a work of art in the museum's galleries.

MAR 13 | Onaje Allan Gumbs and Avery Sharpe

MAR 27 | Henry Grimes and Marc Ribot

APR 24 | Gene Bertoncini and Roni Ben-Hur

MAY 8 | Billy Bang and William Parker

JUL 17 | Kaoru Watanabe, Tatsuya Nakatani, and Adam Rudolph

JUL 24 | Kristopher Bowers and Brandon McCune

AUG 28 | Jonathan Batiste Trio

SEPT 11 | Fred Hersch

SEPT 18 | Anat Fort

SEPT 25 | David Binney Quartet with Brian Blade

DEC 18 | The Jazz Museum All-Stars

Music concerts at the Rubin Museum are supported by a grant from the Carlo and Micól Schejola Foundation.





K2 | FILM

Cabaret Cinema

A K2 Friday night series presenting films with a thematic connection to the exhibitions on view, Cabaret Cinema is the only place in New York where movies and martinis mix.

JANUARY 2—FEBRUARY 6

Proverbial **Pictureshow**

A series of films linked to Bhutanese proverbs in response to the exhibition The Dragon's Gift: The Sacred Arts of Bhutan.

FEATURING The Furies (1950) Duck Soup (1933)

The Wages of Fear (1953) Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (1966)

Mostly Martha (2002)

Valley of the Dolls (1967)

INTRODUCED BY Brian Cox Alan Cumming Andrew Sean Greer Amanda Hesser Terry Winters

FEBRUARY 13-APRIL 24

The Green Tara Series

Films in this series were chosen because they reflect the great fears from which the Buddhist deity Green Tara protects humans, including being trampled by elephants, ghosts, mighty winds, being mauled by lions, banditry, fire, earthquakes, false imprisonment, and drowning.

FEATURING Elephant Walk (1954) Defending Your Life (1991)I Vitelloni (1953) *The Young Lions* (1958) Band of Outsiders (1964) Howl's Moving Castle (2004)

Gimme Shelter (1970) Superman: The Movie (1978)

Midnight Express (1978)

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1990)

Lifeboat (1944)

INTRODUCED BY Doug Aitken Kurt Andersen Jessica Blank Sloane Crosley Herschel Garfein Foster Hirsch Erik Jensen David Kaufman Jonathan Lethem Paul Levitz Antonio Monda **Emily Mortimer**

MAY 1-JULY 24

Mirror, Mirror

Inspired by the exhibition Stable as a Mountain: Gurus in Himalayan Art, this series presented cinematic portraits that, like the portraits in the exhibition, are timeless.

FEATURING Contempt (Le Mépris) (1963) Persona (1966)

Vertigo (1958) 8 ½ (1963)

Jules and Jim (1962)

The Blood of a Poet (1930) Passport to Pimlico (1949) The Fearless Vampire Killers (The Dance of the *Vampires*) (1967)

Gaslight (1944)

The Magic Flute (1975)

Sans Soleil (1983)

The Picture of Dorian *Gray* (1944)

The Garden of Earthly Delights (2004)

INTRODUCED BY Ian Buruma Martha Clarke Lesley Dill Alexei Kaleina Nathaniel Rich Liv Ullmann Simon Winchester

Linda Yablonsky



JULY 31-OCTOBER 2

Walls Are Doors

Inspired by the exhibition *Mandala: The*Perfect Circle, this series presented films that explore the labyrinths and puzzles of our lives.

FEATURING

Notorious (1946)

The Shining (1980)

Labyrinth (1986)

Alice in Wonderland (1951)

Tron (1982)

Why Has Bodhi-Dharma Left for the East? (1989)

How to Steal a Million

(1966)

Last Year at Marienbad

(1961)

Phantom of the Opera

(1943)

INTRODUCED BY

Vito Acconci

Joan Juliet Buck

Mark Doty

Cheryl Henson

Gil Morgenstern

Enkyo Roshi

OCTOBER 10—DECEMBER 18

The Red Book Series

Inspired by the exhibition *The Red Book of C. G. Jung,* the Red Book series presented films that explore Jungian themes.

FEATURING

Belle de Jour (1967)

The Bitter Tears of Petra

von Kant (1972)

Bad Education (2004)

Lilith (1964)

The Tales of Hoffmann

(1951)

J'Accuse (1919)

Vampyr (1932)

Star Trek episode "The Enemy Within" (1966)

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (1931)

Repulsion (1965)

In a Lonely Place (1950)

INTRODUCED BY

Ken Brown

Frank DeCaro

Kim Deitch

Bob Fingerman

J. Hoberman

Ellen Kushner

Michael Marsman

David McDowell

Michael Rips

Thelma Schoonmaker

2009

FILM

JAN 3 AND 4 | Bhutan: Taking the Middle Road to Happiness

FEB 21, 22, 28, AND MAR 1 | Dalai Lama Renaissance, the Dalai Lama invites forty of the West's most innovative thinkers to Dharamsala to discuss the world's problems

APR 1, 4, AND 5 | Tracking the White Reindeer, the premiere of Hamid Sardar's film of love and approval in the remote plains of northern Mongolia, featuring a Q&A with Sardar

MAY 31 | The Unmistaken Child, Nati Baratz's documentary chronicling a former disciple's search for his reincarnated master

JUN 3—AUG 26 | WEDNESDAY EVENINGS Enlighten Up, Kate Churchill's film about a skeptic's journey into the world of yoga

SEPT 23 | The Horse Boy, a documentary based on the book by Rupert Isaacson about his journey to Outer Mongolia with his wife and son, Rowan, in search of shamanic healing of Rowan's autism, featuring a Q&A with Isaacson

NOV 7 | Ahimsa-Nonviolence, Michael Tobias's 1987 PBS film focuses on the Jain principle of Ahimsa, featuring a Q&A with Tobias

Nov 9 | Secrets of Shangri-La, a film about the discovery of the art caves of Mustang, featuring a Q&A with high-altitude mountaineer Peter Athans

Lunch Matters

A curated series of short films and discussions is offered every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

JANUARY 7-28

The Nomadic Peoples Project Produced by Eric Valli and Debra Kellner

This Lunch Matters series was curated by Aziz Rahman of the Nomadic Peoples Project and presented with Media That Matters.

FEBRUARY 4-25

Textiles and Needlework in India and Pakistan

MARCH 4-APRIL 1

Mysteries of the Senses

A NOVA television series on hearing, vision, taste, smell, and touch, presented with the New York Open Center.

APRIL 8-MAY 6

The Functioning of the Brain in Everyday Life

MAY 13 – JULY 8

The Untold Story of BuddhismA film series by Benoy K. Behl

Presented with the Shambhala Meditation Center.

JULY 15-AUGUST 26

Eating in the Danger Zone

SEPTEMBER 2-30

The Story of India Episodes from the film by John H. Addison

OCTOBER 7-DECEMBER 30

The Life and Legacy of C.G. Jung

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CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCES

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Toward Silence, a site-specific world premiere of a work by composer Sir John Tavener performed along the museum's dramatic spiral staircase by the Medici String Quartet, Attacca Quartet, Corigliano Quartet, and Jasper String Quartet

This commission by the Rubin Museum of Art and the Music Mind Spirit Trust (UK) was made possible in part by a grant from the Argosy Foundation Contemporary Music Fund. Music concerts at the Rubin Museum are supported by a grant from the Carlo and Micól Schejola Foundation. Presented with the World Science Festival.

JAN 11 | *Reflections: Falling Bodies* with the
Nine Circles Chamber
Theatre

APR 26 | Reflections: Unspoken Chords with the Nine Circles Chamber Theatre MAY 27 AND 28 | Steve Martin: A Tentative Evening of Bluegrass with the Steep Canyon Rangers

MAY 29 | *Acoustic Cash* with Rosanne Cash and Marc Cohn

SEPT 2 | *Trio Druk Yul*, Bhutanese folk music with Namkha Lhamo, Lhamo Dukpa, and Jigme Drupka SEPT 16 | The Mandala Concert, a collaboration between composer Joel Thome and artist Harry Doolittle

OCT 16 | *Paul Livingstone*, a sitar concert

OCT 18 | Reflections:

A Musical Mandala
with the Nine Circles
Chamber Theater and
pianist Donald Berman







CONFERENCES AND LECTURE SERIES

FEB 7 AND 8 | CONFERENCE

Situ Panchen: Creation and Cultural Engagement in Eighteenth-century Tibet

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Tashi Tsering (Amnye Machen Institute)

DISCUSSANTS

David Jackson (Rubin Museum of Art) and Elliot Sperling (Indiana University)

PANELISTS

Remi Chaix (CNRS, Paris)

Situ Panchen and the House of Derge: A Demanding but Beneficial Relationship

Nancy Lin (University of California, Berkeley)
Situ Panchen and the Reenactment of Buddhist
Origins

Karl Debreczeny (Rubin Museum of Art) Situ Panchen's Artistic Legacy in Yunnan

Jann Ronis (University of Virginia)
Situ Panchen and Sectarian Relations in Eighteenthcentury Derge: Precursor to the Ecumenical
Movement (ris med)

Frances Garrett (University of Toronto)

Medical Literature in the Situ Panchen Tradition

Kurtis Schaeffer (University of Virginia)

Situ the Scholar

MAY 6, 13, 20, AND 27 | Tibet and Beyond: Music, Dance, and Culture of the Himalayas, a four-part seminar conducted by ethnomusicologist Noe Dinnerstein

JUN 5 | Peace Talks with Lissa and Kent Barker, former Peace Corps volunteers in Nepal

SEPT 26 | The Image of the Jina with Yale
University Lex Hixon Professor of World Religions
Phyllis Granoff, curator of Victorious Ones: Jain
Images of Perfection

OCT 7 | Mandalas of C.G. Jung with Sonu Shamdasani, editor of The Red Book of C.G. Jung and co-curator of The Red Book of C.G. Jung: The Creation of a New Cosmology, and Chief Curator Martin Brauen

MONTHLY ON FRIDAY EVENINGS | Talkingstick, storytelling in the galleries for adults

Book Launches

FEB 25 | Buddhism Between Tibet and China with author Matthew Kapstein

MAY 29 | Namaste! with publisher Gene Gollogly, children's book author Diana Cohn, and illustrator Amy Cordova AUG 26 | *Karma for Beginners* with author

Jessica Blank

JUN 10 | *Delhi Noir* with Pete Hamill, Meera Nair, and Hirsh Sawhney

SEPT 9 | Menus and Memories from Punjab with authors Rani Sidhu and Dr. Leat Kuzniar 2009

PEAK EXPERIENCE

The Ultimate Sleepover

June 13—14 marked the Rubin Museum's fourth Peak Experience, during which forty children, ages nine to twelve, worked together to confront the physical challenges, consider the perils, experience the culture, and practice the team dynamics of climbing Mt. Everest (in the form of the museum's signature six-level spiral staircase covered with "snow," "ice," and "rocks" that threaten to avalanche).

Sherpas, museum guides, and some of the world's most experienced Mt. Everest climbers led by Robert Anderson, a veteran of eight Everest expeditions, took these young climbers through the basics of camping, safety, teamwork, and

leadership skills necessary for high-altitude climbing. Together they explored Himalayan art, Sherpa culture and food, and mountaineering etiquette.





This program was presented in association with the American Alpine Club (New York Chapter) as part of the second World Science Festival.



The museum has provided education programs to New York City schools, parents, and teachers since before the building opened. This commitment has only grown over the years, resulting in the creation of an Education Center opening in 2011 that will create additional space for the lifelong learning opportunities we provide for our visitors."

—Eric Schoenberg, Trustee

the first five years

EDUCATION



2009 EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY LEARNING

Family Days

Approximately 837 people took part in the museum's Celebrate Tibet! Family Day on May 2. This all-day celebration of the Himalayan region of Tibet included the creation of a sand mandala by Losang Samten and demonstrations of carpet weaving, wool carding, and spinning techniques by Stephanie Odegard and thangka painting by Samten Dakpa. Children and adults printed Tibetan prayer flags, dressed up in traditional Tibetan garb, watched folk dancers from the Cholsum Dance Group, and created their own works of art inspired by traditional Tibetan sculptures made from yak butter. Tibetan games, storytelling, scavenger hunts, and gallery tours were offered, and families took home miniature protector amulets and prints of lotus flowers.

Family Workshops

On Saturdays the museum provided 68 programs, tours, and gallery activities geared specifically toward families for 681 parents and children to have fun together while learning about the art and culture of the Himalayas. Families also participated in a number of weekday drop-in programs. More than 900 parents and children participated in Yak Packers, a program designed for 2 to 3 year olds; there were 433 participants in Word Play, a program connecting literacy and art for 4 to 6 year olds; and 698 parents and children participated in Moving Through Art, a program that connects yoga, dance, movement, and gallery exploration.





SCHOOL AND EDUCATOR PROGRAMS

School Tours

Tours of the museum for school groups are designed to introduce and develop knowledge of Himalayan traditions while encouraging meaningful explorations of the art. In 2009, 168 school program tours were offered, reaching 9,598 participants. Of these students 4,451 participated in the pre-visit program involving a museum educator visit to the classroom. This program took place 113 times.



Educator Development

The Rubin Museum of Art's Educator Development sessions help teachers and educators of all levels use museum educational resources, programs, and exhibitions in the classroom. Workshops for educators include guided tours, hands-on activities, and curriculum-development sessions. In 2009, 5 different sessions were held with 145 participants. Twice a year the museum produces evening Open House events to invite New York City educators to the museum. More than 100 educators participated in these events.

In-school Programs

Other school programs engaged 185 participants in 3 different Classroom Connections, 90-minute interactive classes held for schools that cannot make a trip to the museum, and 71 students participating in Himalayan Art Encounters, a 3-session museum/school collaboration. These short-term partnerships were delivered to the High School of Law and Public Service, Hannah Senesh, Dwight School, Baruch College Step Academy, Fashion Industries High School, and Regis High School.

Thinking Through Art, an in-depth, multi-session residency program, was employed by Rubin Museum educators at Liberty High School Academy for Newcomers and P.S. 86 in the Bronx. The program provided hands-on, active learning and art-making opportunities designed to increase arts and culture awareness as well as visual, written, and oral communication skills. In the spring, educators at Liberty High School focused on making connections between literacy and art and produced a curriculum and evaluation template (the Evidence of Student and Teacher Learning Template) that was published by the Empire State Partnership Network in the fall. A total of 322 students participated in Thinking Through Art, and 20 teachers received specialized professional development.

TEEN AND COLLEGE PROGRAMS

RMA Teens

This free after-school program is designed to make Himalayan art and culture accessible to teens, focusing on students with a strong interest in art or careers in the arts. Participants get a behind-thescenes look at how a museum operates, explore career paths in the arts, gain valuable public speaking and leadership skills, and enjoy access to the Rubin Museum's collection. Students who participate in RMA Teens for one year are eligible to lead tours for museum visitors, for which they are paid a stipend. In 2009, students attended art-making workshops that explored screen printing and Himalayan painting; created a zine for teens distributed at the museum; received career guidance from museum curators, artists, and arts professionals; and visited museums throughout New York City. Fifty-three teens from twenty-one different high schools participated in more than thirty-four sessions. RMA Teens also led tours during the museum's Family Day events and two Saturdays a month during the school year.

The Apprentice Museum Educator Program (AME)

This program provides essential hands-on skills to university students who are pursuing careers in the field of museum or arts education. AME participants receive two hours of training a week and have fifteen hours of hands-on experience on the gallery floors, mentored by full-time museum guides and educators.

"RMA Teens restored my faith in education. I've come to realize that learning happens anywhere and everywhere, especially in museums. It has been a lifechanging experience. Because of it, I definitely want to work at a museum, definitely want to take courses on Himalayan culture and religion in college, and I'm DEFINITELY visiting the region."

-Karen Zhou, RMA Teen

Art Studio for Teens

This vacation-timed program is for New York City high school students interested in exploring art-making practices and materials from the Himalayas. Students in this program gain a demonstrated knowledge of art making through skill-based exercises, lectures, class critiques, assigned readings, and museum fieldtrips. In 2009 there were four separate sessions: Flora and Fauna of the Himalayas, Landscapes of the Himalayas, Gestures in Art, and Faces: Real and Ideal. Forty teens participated in more than fifty individual sessions.









VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Guided Tours

The museum's guides and docents offered 394 complimentary Taste of RMA tours to 5,865 visitors. These tours take visitors throughout the galleries for individualized, thematic journeys into Himalayan art and provide new perspectives every week with the aim to increase cultural awareness and foster artistic interest. Museum guides also made the connection between the galleries and the museum's other public programs with 132 program-related tours. Total tour participation this year involved 17,805 visitors taking 1,069 tours. Museum guides also facilitated in-gallery lectures and talks as well as Talkingstick, a monthly storytelling collaboration produced as part of the museum's K2 Friday Nights programming.

"The Rubin Museum [is sensitive] to the concept that a museum visitor needs to be guided into and through an environment that can make works of art sing. And here a chorus of unfamiliar music turns a skeptic into a believer. They've gotten it right!"

—Tom L. Freudenheim, *The Museum Journal*,
October 2006



Docent Program

The Volunteer Docent Program at the Rubin Museum of Art facilitates a connection between museum visitors and the art of the Himalayas. By providing people with an engaging, informative experience in the galleries, the Volunteer Docent Program encourages visitors to look and think deeply while exploring the arts, cultures, religions, and iconography of the Himalayan region. Through research and intensive training, volunteer docents organize and present thematic gallery tours, gallery talks, and other educational initiatives and roam the gallery floors for informal conversations with visitors. It is the mission of the museum to see that every visitor gains some insight and understanding into the art on view through the informed presence of volunteer docents. Docents provided nine hundred hours of service. This year thirty Jungian scholars joined our docent team to help facilitate a better understanding of The Red Book of C.G. Jung exhibition and brought our total number of docents up to sixty.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Explore Areas and Gallery Resources

Explore Areas located in the exhibition galleries provide background information and interpretive strategies for the art on view. In 2009 interactive areas included Explore Patron and Painter, which housed four computer kiosks featuring an in-house-designed interactive focused on Sets in Himalayan Art; Explore Portraiture, which featured relevant reading material, an interactive mirror display that encouraged visitors to pose and perform mudras (hand gestures) found in the paintings and sculptures, and an Activity Guide that encouraged gallery exploration for younger visitors; Explore Mandalas, which featured a video viewer of different mandala realizations, an interactive mandala table where visitors could construct their own mandalas, and a Mandala Activity Guide for younger visitors to interact with the works of art; Explore Jain Music and Culture, which featured listening stations of Jain music and mantras; and Explore Cosmology, which featured a reading station.

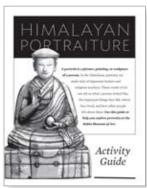


Audio, Video, and the Web

Audio Tours were produced for the following exhibitions: From the Land of Gods: Art of the Kathmandu Valley; Mandala: The Perfect Circle; Victorious Ones: Jain Images of Perfection; and The Red Book of C.G. Jung: Creation of a New Cosmology. Online podcasts were also produced for the exhibition Stable as a Mountain: Gurus in Himalayan Art; Fashion in the Himalayas for Parsons School of Design; and the museum's Situ Panchen conference. Videos of interviews with artists and curators were produced as gallery resources for the Nagas: Hidden Hill People of India and The Red Book of C.G. Jung exhibitions.

Online Guide Resources

All training resources for museum staff and guides are now available online. Selected Rubin Museum resources are also now available on iTunesU Beyond Campus. This service connects the museum's digital audio tours and select programming to more than ten million iTunes users worldwide for free. Artist videos were also produced for Art Babble, a free art video sharing site, and YouTube.







Building on the generous gifts of the founders, the museum continues to augment the collection strategically with acquisitions and gifts that fill in gaps of style, period, and geographic origin and that build on the strengths in the collection or develop new strengths."

—Mark Norell, Trustee

the first five years

COLLECTION

GIFTS AND PURCHASES OF ART

The founders' gifts of art to the museum, including those from the Rubin Foundation and the private collection of Shelley and Donald Rubin, total approximately 1,154 objects, with the single largest gift being 683 objects in 2006. These gifts include paintings, sculptures, book covers, and textiles in a variety of media dating from the second to the twentieth century and originating from a broad geographic range, sweeping from the Swat Valley (Pakistan) and Gandhara (Afghanistan) in the west to Mongolia in the northeast.

An important purchase made by the museum in 2005 expanded the collection by 72 objects: 68 sculptures and 4 paintings. This group of rare objects from a major private European collection are of extraordinary quality, of relatively large scale, and from regions from which the museum had been hoping to strengthen its collection, and it has significantly enhanced the museum's holdings. The collection had been documented and researched by a noted Himalayan scholar who recognized the opportunity for the museum to keep the collection together and allow it to be seen by the public and studied by scholars. This purchase was made possible by a contribution from Shelley and Donald Rubin.

Some of the most important objects in the Rubin Museum's collection, which show a range of materials, types, and geographic origins, include:

From Nepal

Durga

A masterpiece of thirteenth-century Nepalese sculpture
C2005.16.11

Vajravali Mandala

One of the best and most important inscribed and documented examples of Nepalese painters working in Tibet, dateable to ca. 1440 c2007.6.1

From Tibet

Chakrasamvara with Footprints

A rare early inscribed painting, dateable to ca. 1200 c2003.7.1

Kalachakra, Yogambara, and Guhyasamaja

Three paintings from a larger seventeenth-century set from central Tibet, possibly part of a commission by the Fifth Dalai Lama, ca. 1670 C2001.1.1, C2001.1.2, and C2001.1.3

From Mongolia

Mask of Begtse

A nineteenth-century mask made with coral, one of the few known in the world C2006.41.1

From China

Malachakra Vajrapani

An excellent fifteenth-century example of Nepalese and Tibetan painting aesthetics translated by the Chinese into a silk textile C2003.52.1



NEW ACQUISITIONS

Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal

Western Tibet/Ladakh; 19th century Clay and papier-mâché c2009.1

Tsongkhapa

Tibet; 18th century Pigments on cloth c2009.2

Tsongkhapa Khatak

Tibet; 18th-19th century Woodblock print on silk c2009.3

Potala

Tibet; 18th–19th century Pigments on cloth c2009.4

Sahaja Cakrasamvara

Kham, Tibet; 18th century Pigments on cloth c2009.5

Encampment Style Thangka Depicting the First Karmapa

Tibet; 18th century Pigments on cloth c2009.6

Palden Lhamo

Tibet; 19th century Pigments on cloth with silk brocade c2009.7

Lhamo Offering

Tibet; 17th century Pigments on cloth c2009.8

Buddhist Cosmological Scroll

Tibet; 16th century Pigments on cloth c2009.9

Book of approximately 250 woodblock prints

Primarily Dolpo region, Nepal; since 1975 Ink on paper c2009.10

Two Arhats, Pantaka and Gopaka

Tibet; 17th century Pigments on cloth c2009.11

Great Hierarch

Tibet; 16th or 17th century Parcel-gilt silver with pigments; repoussé C2009.12

Vajrasattva (Padmasattva)

Nepal or Tibet; 12th–13th century Copper alloy with cold gold pigments Gift of Dr. David R. Nalin c2009.13

Vishnu in Hell Realm

Nepal; 1950s Pigments on paper Gift of Leiko Coyle c2009.14

Death Scene

Nepal; 1950s Pigments on paper Gift of Leiko Coyle c2009.15

Red Hat Lama, The Great Je Mupa

Tibet; 18th century Pigments on cloth c2009.17

Vajravarahi (Vajrayogini)

Bhutan; 18th century Pigments on cloth with silk brocade c2009.18

Heruka

Tibet; 18th–19th century Pigments on cloth with silk brocade c2009.19







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Artful Beneficence: Selections from the David R. Nalin Himalayan Art Collection

This 192-page, fully illustrated book documents Himalayan selections from Dr. David R. Nalin's broad collection of Asian art. Published on the occasion of the Rubin Museum's exhibition A Collector's Passion, which featured that broader range of objects, Artful Beneficence was written by the art historian Melissa R. Kerin, with prefaces by David R. Nalin and Michael W. Meister, a statement by Donald Rubin, and a foreword by Pratapaditya Pal.

Support was provided by Merck Partnership for Giving, Dr. David R. Nalin, and the Woodcock Foundation.

The Mandala: Sacred Circle in Tibetan Buddhism

This updated edition of Martin Brauen's acclaimed volume—recognized as one of the most comprehensive and detailed publications on the topic of the mandala—includes diagrams, illustrations, and text that provide several approaches to interpreting the sacred symbol. The Fourteenth Dalai Lama praises the book in his foreword, stating, "Martin Brauen has taken pains to consult authentic sources and organizes his material clearly so that it can be easily understood."

The exhibition, catalog, and related programs were supported by a grant from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation. Additional support was provided by the Cassinelli-Vogel-Stiftung, Zurich, Zurcher Hochschul-Verein; Tatiana Pouschine; and Sandor P. Fuss.







Patron and Painter: Situ Panchen and the Revival of the Encampment Style

This comprehensive 304-page, fully illustrated book presents new research on the work of Situ Panchen and the revival of the Encampment style painting tradition as well as biographical details of Situ's life. It was produced to accompany the exhibition *Patron and Painter: Situ Panchen and the Revival of the Encampment Style*. Essays were contributed by David Jackson and Karl Debreczeny.

Support was provided by the Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation.

Victorious Ones: Jain Images of Perfection

This 308-page catalog, featuring 188 color illustrations, illuminates the core ideas of Jainism and the founding figures of Jainism, the Jinas, or "Conquerors," and the various spaces they sanctify. The catalog includes essays by leading scholars of Asian religions and art: Phyllis Granoff, John E. Cort, Robert J. Del Bontà, Paul Dundas, Julia A. B. Hegewald, Padmanabh S. Jaini, Kim Plofker, and Sonya Rhie Quintanilla.

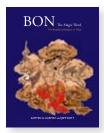
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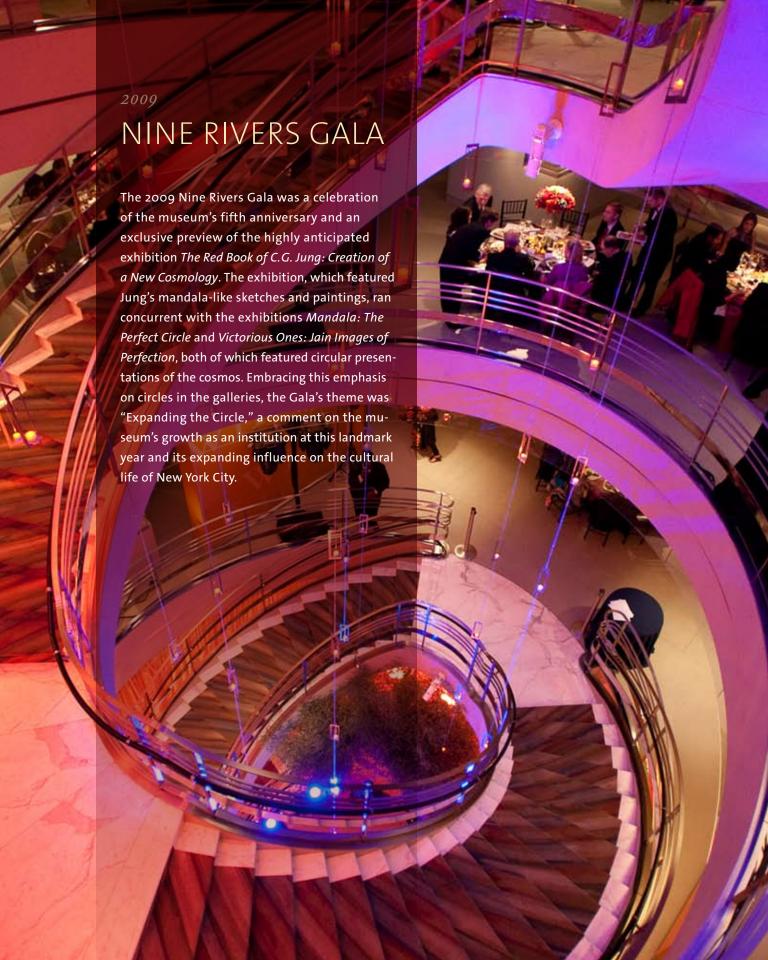
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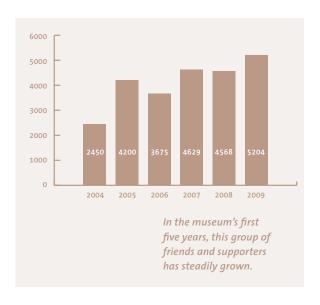
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CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	661,924
Unconditional promises to give	183,720
Restricted for future periods and programs	576,638
Accounts receivable	144,281
Inventory	625,152
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	191,983
Investments in marketable securities	61,097,069
Total Current Assets	63,480,767
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	58,240,655
TOTAL ASSETS	121,721,422

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	828,656		
Tenant security deposits	69,145		
Deferred membership and other income	45,000		
Total Current Liabilities	942,801		
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted Board-designated funds	54,364,683		
Other unrestricted	59,975,306		
Temporarily restricted	6,438,632		
Total Net Assets	120,778,621		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	121,721,422		

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REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT		
PUBLIC SUPPORT		
Contributions and donations	5,365,308	
Grants and sponsorships	484,791	
Special event revenue	677,583	
Less: direct expenses	(183,293)	
Membership dues	422,961	
Total Public Support	6,767,350	
REVENUES FROM PROGRAMS AND ACTIV	ITIES	
Museum admission fees	292,172	
Program fees	328,645	
Facility rental income	180,442	
Exhibition fees	36,100	
Merchandise and catalog sales	887,035	
Other revenue	44,770	
Total Revenue from Programs and Activities	1,769,164	
RENTAL INCOME	715,117	
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	10,622,561	
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	19,874,192	

EXPENSES	
PROGRAM SERVICES	
Collections and exhibitions	4,038,422
Publications	354,307
Education	1,288,522
Public programs	833,571
Shop	801,437
Public relations and marketing	1,038,666
Total Program Services	8,354,925
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SUPPORTING SERVICES	
Management and general	2,541,441
Development	1,073,895
Total Supporting Services	3,615,336
REAL ESTATE OPERATIONS	416,043
COLLECTIONS ITEMS PURCHASED NOT CAPITALIZED	954,295
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,340,599
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	6,533,593

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