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The St. Louis Art Museum: A City Treasure

If anyone wishes to learn about art, culture or to just have an enjoyable outing, the Saint Louis Art Museum is a wonderful place to visit.

The vast array of exhibits are informative and include works of art from almost every culture and time period. The well-versed docent tour leaders are an excellent resource if visitors would like to know the history behind the exhibited works. The museum is highly dedicated to educating audiences of all ages, backgrounds and knowledge levels.

Learning opportunities range from classes, community outreach activities, family and school programs, gallery talks, lectures, performances, hands-on activities and teacher workshops. A very special educational program called *Art With Us* provides opportunities for underserved youth to work with professional artists in exploration of the creative process.

Recently, the museum began construction on a very exciting expansion project of more than 200,000 square-feet. The new space will provide new galleries, public space and a 300-space below-grade parking garage, as well as a new, fully accessible entrance on Fine Arts Drive. Current permanent collection galleries will also be improved and renovated as part of this project, and the museum will remain open to the public during construction.

Most importantly, the Saint Louis Art Museum is dedicated to serving its community, and it is constantly creating collaborative programs with different organizations around the St. Louis metropolitan area in order to enrich the lives of the people of St. Louis.

Culture, creativity, history and exploration are a wonderful way to spend your day. Admission to the museum is free every day and featured exhibitions are always free on Fridays. The museum is located in Forest Park, so don't forget to enjoy the view!

For more information, visit the Saint Louis Art Museum website at <http://www.slam.org> or call (314) 721-0072.

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