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Art Bridges Key Messages July 17, 2019

What is Art Bridges?

Art Bridges is a pioneering new foundation dedicated to dramatically expanding access to American art across the country. Created by patron of the arts and philanthropist Alice Walton in 2017, Art Bridges believes in the power of American art – to inspire deeper relationships between arts organizations and their communities, to develop expanded relationships built on inclusivity and respect, and to encourage meaningful personal connections that lead to stronger, more vibrant cities and towns.

What does Art Bridges do?

Art Bridges strives to bring great works of American art out of storage and into communities across America. Through financial and planning support, Art Bridges helps organizations of all sizes build exhibitions and programs that deeply engage audiences. Each Art Bridges-funded project reflects the uniqueness of the community where it takes place.

- Art Bridges encourages collecting institutions to look to their own holdings for new ways, including loans and/or touring exhibitions, to build connections with their communities or with audiences around the country.
- The Art Bridges collection is available for loan to partners and is a catalyst for them to build new exhibitions, enhance current installations of their permanent collections or design audience engagement programs.
- Art Bridges supports new models of collaboration and sharing among museums and cultural organizations, to encourage innovation and lead to greater access to American art for all.

About the Art Bridges Collection

Art Bridges is growing a dynamic collection of American art that is available for loan to partners. Ranging from the early 19th century through today, this ever-evolving collection is designed to allow borrowing partner institutions to connect with and engage their communities in unexpected ways. The Art Bridges collection has gathered significant representations of African American art, landscape painting, icons of Pop art, Abstraction and Modernism, among others.

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Current Art Bridges Projects and Partners

Art Bridges is currently supporting projects in more than 25 states across America. For project examples, visit <https://artbridgesfoundation.org/category/projects/>.

Project partners include museums or cultural institutions of all sizes and in all regions of the country, including borrowing organizations, lending organizations, private collectors and foundations. For a list of current partners, visit <https://artbridgesfoundation.org/partners/>.

How to Partner with Art Bridges

Art Bridges offers a supportive and personalized application experience that begins with a conversation. Interested organizations can start by filling out a simple form on the Art Bridges website or by contacting the staff directly. Organizations may seek support from Art Bridges at any time during the year; application deadlines are rolling and specific to each project. For more information, visit <https://artbridgesfoundation.org/partner-with-us/>.

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