Making an Impact

Seattle Art Museum

1995/1996 Annual Report

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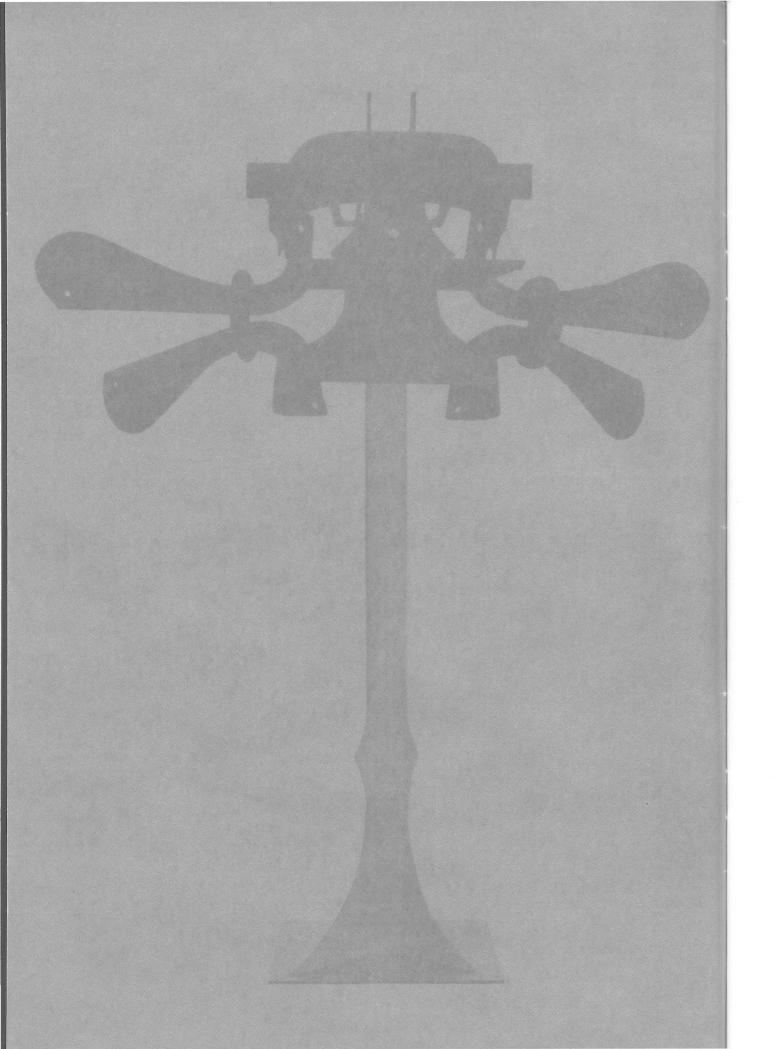
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Those of us involved in the Seattle Art Museum believe that art is a reflection of ourselves and gives meaning to our lives. As long-standing members of the museum family, we continue to be impressed by the impact this institution has on this community.

The past year was the most ambitious in the history of the museum. Powerful and varied artistic experiences were enjoyed by more than 400,000 visitors at both the downtown and Volunteer Park museums. More exhibitions, school tours, and special events were offered than ever before, including

## forward-looking...

more than 2,200 educational programs reaching over 85,000 adults and children. The successful shift of our free day to the first Thursday of the month resulted in double the

number of people taking advantage of this opportunity. These are just some of the accomplishments that exemplify our reach, growth, relevance, and impact.

In an increasingly challenging environment, we have also achieved notable financial success. We have maintained our long-standing track record of balancing our budget, despite the decline of important government resources. This achievement is certainly due to the generosity of our donors, but also to discipline and sacrifice on the part of the trustees and staff. The Annual Fund again achieved sterling results, which will help ensure the success of future exhibitions and programs. The Black & White Ball, with its huge attendance and superlative entertainment, was a grand success.



Treasures of Venice Paintings from the Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest captivated visitors of all ages

As we approach the end of the century, underlying all of the activities and challenges we face is the need to secure our financial future. We have added more than \$4.5 million to our endowment during this fiscal year. Continuing to build our endowment will be among our highest priorities over the coming years. Generous gifts from the estate of Guendolen Plestcheeff, the Ruth J. Nutt Endowment Fund, and friends of Patterson Sims greatly strengthened the decorative arts and modern art departments.

On December 5, 1996, we will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the museum downtown. For those of us who grew up visiting the Seattle Art Museum in Volunteer Park, we can only be astounded at how the museum has been completely revolutionized over the last five years. Our director, Mimi Gardner Gates, has had a profound effect on the life of this institution, galvanizing the board and the staff in unprecedented ways. The combination of her curatorial skill, scholarship, and experience as one of the country's most distinguished museum directors has meant that the Seattle Art Museum can count itself not only as the major art museum in the region, but also as a respected international institution.

This annual report is dedicated to those who have contributed to making possible the achievements of the last year.

Dean Thornton, Chairman

Only through art can we get outside ourselves, know what another sees of his universe, which is not the same as ours, and see landscapes which would have remained as unknown to us as landscapes on the moon. Thanks to art, instead of seeing a single world, our own, we see it multiply until we have before us as many worlds as there are artists.

-Marcel Proust, A la Recherche du Temps Perdu

The Seattle Art Museum seeks to explore new worlds, to encourage shared experiences and meanings, and to strengthen our sense of community. We are inspired by the belief that art

has the power to have a positive impact on people's lives.



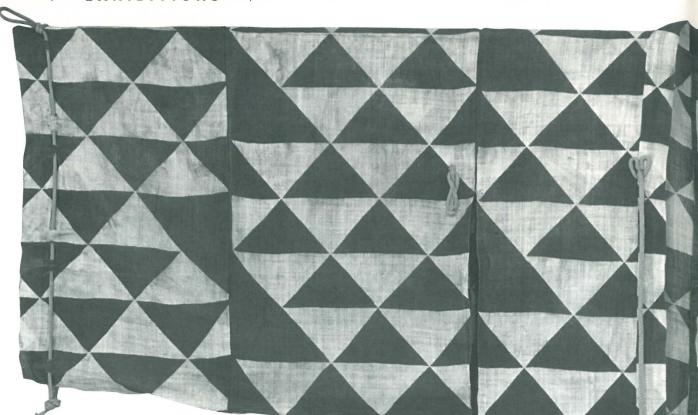
Young students proudly display work created in a SAM studio class

The Seattle Art Museum has an illustrious history of bringing alive for thousands of visitors the delight and wonder of art, and this year an unprecedented number of exhibitions reached new and diverse audiences. Beyond the Tanabata Bridge displayed a stunning array of gorgeous textiles, and John James Audubon celebrated original watercolors by this beloved artist. Willem de Kooning in Seattle revealed previously unexhibited paintings from local collections, and Adornment for Eternity presented exquisite jewelry from an ancient culture. In the American Grain exposed the works of five exciting twentieth-century artists, and Australian Aboriginal Art introduced us to a new and mysterious realm: the Dreamtime.

In addition to these and many other terrific exhibitions, ... and ambitious SAM offered hundreds of events to the public: lectures, symposia, tea ceremonies, classes, tours, films, demonstrations, and more. The vast range of programs at SAM provides something for everyone, and, remarkably, most events are free with admission.

The next year brings its own set of goals and will undoubtedly have its own gratifying successes. None of our past or future accomplishments would be possible without the dedication, hard work, and inspiration of the museum board, volunteers, and staff. If the art is the soul of the museum, my colleagues are the heart. Ensuring strong managerial leadership at SAM has been crucial to achieving our goals, and we have been fortunate in welcoming two new deputy directors: Trevor Fairbrother, Deputy Director for Art/Jon and Mary Shirley Curator of Modern Art, and Maryann Jordan, Deputy Director of External Affairs. Along with Gail Joice, the museum's Senior Deputy Director, they will help bring greater visibility to the museum and open the museum to new audiences.

Solace, excitement, and meaning can be had by all who take the time to explore the museum. Your foresight and commitment to excellence has had a powerful impact in making "as many worlds as there are artists." Our sincerest and warmest thanks to all of you who helped to make the year such an outstanding success.



More than 400,000 people visited the Seattle Art Museum and Seattle Asian Art Museum this year. Over the past two years, attendance has increased 16%.

Visitors enjoyed more than 25 spectacular exhibitions at SAM and SAAM, an unprecedented number.

Museum admissions revenues exceeded projections and provided \$878,000 in operating support.

The Seattle Art Museum's first and most basic priority is to present compelling, provocative, and innovative exhibitions of the highest caliber. The exhibitions presented at SAM provide the public with works of art from varied cultures, promote appreciation of the museum's permanent collections, and explore recent developments in art.

#### SEATTLE ASIAN ART MUSEUM SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Special exhibitions and educational programming at the Seattle Asian Art Museum are made possible by the Institute of Museum Services, the Corporate Council for the Arts, and the Nesholm Family Foundation.

## Han Rubbings from the Wu Family Shrine

August 31, 1995—December 17, 1995
An exploration of ancient Chinese symbolism Funding for this exhibition provided through a gift from Florence R. Horton.

#### **Profusion of Color**

Korean Costumes and Wrapping Cloths

September 9, 1995–March 3, 1996
Folk art from Korea
Local support for the exhibition provided by
the Katherine Agen Baillargeon Endowment
Fund, Seattle Art Museum.

Organized by the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco in cooperation with the Museum of Korean Embroidery. Presentation in the U.S. made possible by generous support from Ankunsa Co., Ltd., Daihan Paint & Ink Co., Ltd., Hanil Cement Mfg. Co., Ltd., Hansol Paper Co., Ltd., IBM Korea, Inc., The Korean Art and

Culture Committee of the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, Korean Culture and Arts Foundation, Korea Foundation, the Korean Ministry of Culture and Sports, the Korean Museum Association, the Korean Overseas Information Service, the National Museum of Korea, and the Seoul City Government.

#### **Adornment for Eternity**

Status and Rank in Chinese Ornament

January 13, 1996–July 14, 1996
A survey of ancient jewelry, mirrors, and metalwork

Organized by the Denver Art Museum. All objects are on long-term loan from the privately held Mengdiexuan Collection. This exhibition and its catalogue were made possible in part by generous donations from the Joseph and Loretta Law Foundation, the Woods Publishing Company, Celeste and John Fleming, Mary Ellen and Todger Anderson, and the Richfield Hotel Management, Inc.

#### SEATTLE ART MUSEUM SPECIAL

#### EXHIBITIONS

## Treasures of Venice Paintings from the Museum of Fine

Arts, Budapest

June 22, 1995–September 17, 1995
Fifty-five celebrated Venetian paintings
spanning 300 years
Attendance: 89,614
Local support by the Seattle Art Museum
Supporters (SAMS), PONCHO, and US WEST
Foundation. Additional support provided by

Organized by the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. The exhibition and catalogue were supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

The Boeing Company, Piper Jaffray, Inc.,

Seafirst Bank, and Walker Richer & Quinn.

#### John James Audubon

The Watercolors for The Birds of America

October 12, 1995–January 7, 1996 Ninety original masterworks illuminating Audubon's artistic skill and passion for his subject

Attendance: 87,864

Local support provided by a major grant from The Boeing Company, with additional support from PONCHO.

Organized by The New-York Historical Society from its permanent collection. Support for the publication provided by Fidelity Investments through the Fidelity Foundation.

#### In the American Grain

Arthur Dove, Marsden Hartley, John Marin, Georgia O'Keeffe and Alfred Stieglitz

February 8, 1995–May 5, 1996 Eighty works by five gifted twentieth-century American masters

Attendance: 94,099

Local support for the exhibition provided by grants from the Seattle Arts Commission, the Seattle Art Museum Supporters (SAMS), and corporate support by SAFECO. Major support for education programs in Seattle provided by the William and Melinda Gates Endowment Fund.

Organized by The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C., and made possible by generous grants from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Sotheby's, and the National Endowment for the Arts. With special loans, including paintings from the Ebsworth Collection for the Seattle Art Museum venue only.

This bast fiber theatrical robe exemplified the beautiful patterns and textures of the Japanese textiles featured in Beyond the Tanabata Bridge (Gift of Virginia and Bagley Wright, 89.119)

#### Beyond the Tanabata Bridge

A Textile Journey in Japan June 13, 1996–September 15, 1996 More than 80 exquisite textiles from SAM's collection

Attendance: 80,167

This exhibition was organized by the Seattle Art Museum. Support for this exhibition was generously provided by the Port of Seattle in honor of NYK Line and a century of trade with Japan.

Additional support provided by Lakeside Industries, the Seattle Art Museum Supporters (SAMS), and the Kreielsheimer Exhibitions Endowment Fund. Organizing funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency; King County Arts Commission; and PONCHO.

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Guendolen

1920s

Plestcheeff in the

## creating compelling thematic

#### DOCUMENTS NORTHWEST: THE PONCHO SERIES

## Holding the Past: Historicism in Northwest Glass Sculpture

July 1, 1995–February 11, 1996 Luminous works from eight Northwest artists Support provided by PONCHO, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass.

### From the Floating World to the Street

December 21, 1995–March 24, 1996
Contemporary Northwest street photography and woodblock prints of Hiroshige
Support provided by PONCHO.



#### LOANS TO AND FROM SAM AND SAAM

The museum lent III objects from its permanent collection for 24 exhibitions shown in 49 national and international

In addition to special exhibition and long-term loans, 215 artworks loaned from 53 institutions or private collectors were on view in the galleries.

## COLLECTION AND SPECIAL INSTALLATIONS

#### Martin J. Heade

The Gems of Brazil September 15, 1995–January 14, 1996 Jewel-like paintings of hummingbirds loaned from private collections

#### Paranoid Mirror

Lynn Hershman
(1995 Anne Gerber Exhibition)
August 10, 1995–December 10, 1995
An interactive installation using innovative video and computer technology
Support provided by the Anne Gerber Fund.

#### **Bird Sanctuary**

August 18, 1995–February 11, 1996 Birds reflected in works drawn from SAM's collection

#### Willem de Kooning in Seattle

November 2, 1995–March 3, 1996 Works by a living master drawn from local collections

Support provided by the Herman and Faye Sarkowsky Endowment Fund and the Mnuchin Foundation, New York.

#### Selections of 18th-century French, Vincennes-Sevres Porcelain from the Collection of Ulrich and Stella Fritzsche

December 5, 1995—present Exquisite European porcelain

#### African Orthodox Art

December 8, 1995–December 1996 Christian themes in art from Ethiopia From the collection of Al J. Venter.

#### Australian Aboriginal Art

February 23, 1996–February 1997
Bold expressions of the Dreamtime
From the collection of Robert Kaplan and
Margaret Levi.

## Recent Northwest Acquisitions

March 1, 1996—August 4, 1996 Contemporary Northwest art

> (Above left) Thomas Standing, Sucking His Thumb (1893) was loaned to the exhibition Mary Cassatt: Pastels and Prints (private collection)



of two SAM pieces that joined 130 major works of art from 44 countries in Rings: Five Passions in World Art, an exhibition in Atlanta that celebrated the Olympic Games (Eugene Fuller Memorial

Collection, 36.13)

of Enlightenment was one

#### **Morris Graves**

Flower Paintings

March 3, 1996—August 4, 1996
Contemplative, gorgeous paintings exhibited in honor of the artist's 85th birthday
Support provided by the Mary and Dean
Thornton Endowment Fund of the
Seattle Art Museum.

#### Mary Cassatt

Pastels and Prints
March 25, 1996–June 23, 1996
Maternal themes in works loaned from private
and public collections

#### Minimalism

Aftermath and Affinities March 27, 1996–August 25, 1996 Reductive art from SAM's collection

#### About Place/About Face

April 11, 1996–August 4, 1996 Innovative photography from fourteen contemporary artists

#### THANK YOU

In addition to corporate, government, and private foundation support, funding for Seattle Art Museum exhibitions is provided by the Annual Fund. Year after year, your contributions to the Annual Fund help to make SAM's exhibitions possible. The Seattle Art Museum gratefully acknowledges the crucial support and generosity of contributors to the Annual Fund.

#### ENDOWMENTS ENRICH DECORATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Two extraordinary gifts to the museum's endowment, the Ruth J. Nutt Endowment Fund and the Guendolen Plestcheeff Endowment for the Decorative Arts, will make a lasting impact on SAM's decorative arts department. These gifts create essential operating support for the decorative arts program, enrich SAM's holdings of decorative arts, and provide the means by which the decorative arts program can flourish.

The endowment of key curatorial positions such as the Ruth J. Nutt Curator of Decorative Arts allows the museum to attract and retain the finest curatorial staff, to provide support for salaries, programs, and research, and to encourage departmental leadership and scholarship.

Endowments in support of museum collections, such as the Guendolen Plestcheeff Endowment for the Decorative Arts, provide support for acquisition of art, exhibition installations, curatorial scholarship and research, and educational programs and symposia.

"These two outstanding gifts open the door to the future for European and American decorative arts at the Seattle Art Museum," says Julie Emerson,

Ruth J. Nutt Curator of Decorative Arts. "With the increased ability to acquire, exhibit, research, and publish about decorative arts, we are poised to become a nationally recognized center for this field."

The Seattle Art Museum extends enthusiastic appreciation to Ruth J. Nutt and the Plestcheeff Institute for their tremendous support and their farsighted vision for the decorative arts.

## encouraging leadership and scholarship



Patterson Sims (left) with Mary and Jon Shirley at the announcement of the Jon and Mary Shirley Curator of Modern Art endowment

## TRIBUTES TO PATTERSON SIMS CREATE LASTING LEGACY

When SAM's former chief curator, Patterson Sims, announced his impending departure from the museum last fall, longtime SAM supporters and friends of Patterson came together to create a remarkable tribute in recognition of his achievements. The group gave \$2.6 million to establish three outstanding endowment funds: the Patterson Sims Fellowship, the Patterson Sims Curatorial Travel Fund, and the Jon and Mary Shirley Curator of Modern Art. Thanks to the generosity of this dedicated group of SAM trustees and friends, our curatorial staff now has fresh opportunities to grow professionally.

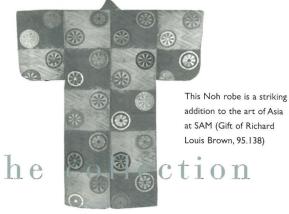
The Patterson Sims Fellowship will be awarded annually to a SAM curator who demonstrates extraordinary performance in curatorial work. The recipient will receive funds that may be used for travel, research materials, exhibitions and programs, and research interns.

Funds provided by the Patterson Sims Curatorial Travel Fund will be available to all of SAM's curators. The fund allows

curators to view important exhibitions at other museums, to examine potential acquisitions outside of Seattle, and to attend conferences with professional colleagues.

In endowing a key curatorial position, the Jon and Mary Shirley Endowment for Modern Art provides critical support for the department as the museum's modern art collection grows.

Collaborative efforts such as those made in honor of Patterson Sims provide lasting legacies for the museum and the community it serves. The Seattle Art Museum warmly thanks all those who made this bold vision a reality. In any given week at either museum, visitors saw something new on view, from the museum's collection or in new installations.



actively building the

Objects considered for acquisition either enhance existing holdings or fill a need. Each addition, from a Tlingit basket to a video installation by Gary Hill, contributes to the shape of the collection. One of the last great Seattle collections of European porcelain was given by Dr. and Mrs. S. Allison Creighton, early members of the Seattle Ceramics Society. Josiah McElheny's *Rearrangeable Roman Glass Collection III*, a technical tour–de–force that cleverly comments on traditional methods of museum display, was among a group of gifts honoring departing chief curator Patterson Sims. Mark di Suvero's outdoor sculpture, *Schubert Sonata*, is a splendid addition to the collection. An elegant Noh robe enhances

SAM's important collection of Japanese textiles, and an imposing masquerade costume from Zaire complements the renowned Katherine White Collection of African Art.

House of Cards is the first work by Gary Hill to enter the museum's collection (purchased with funds from Mr. and Mrs. David E. Skinner, William and Ruth True, and the Collectors' Forum, 96.10)



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#### ART OF AFRICA

Zaire: Pende

Masquerade costume with two headdresses

20th century

Feathers, fiber, raffia, pigment, fur Gift of Mark Groudine and Cynthia Purnam 95 131

Putnam, 95.131
Nigeria: Yoruba

Gelede headdress

20th century
Wood, enamel paint
Gift of Mark Groudine and Cynthia

#### ART OF ASIA

Japan

Noh robe

Late 17th-early 18th century Silk with thread-dyed patterns Gift of Richard Louis Brown, 95.138

Kame (storage jar)

16th century
Tokoname ware (stoneware)
Purchased with funds from
Robert B. and Honey Dootson,
95.139

China

Huang Shen (1687–1772?) Lü Qian Presents a Sword

1731

Ink and color on silk Gift of Karen Wang in memory of her father, Wong Nan Ping, 95.133

#### DECORATIVE ARTS OF EUROPE

France

Snake-handled bowl

Vincennes, ca. 1750 Soft-paste porcelain with gilding Gift of Ulrich and Stella Fritzsche, 95.53

Vase

French, late 19th century Cameo glass Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Moch, 95.120

Cup and saucer

Chantilly, ca. 1760
Porcelain
Gift in memory of Ina Sage from her
Docent Class of 1977 and Sanford Sage,
95.140

Germany

Bowl

Frankenthal, ca. 1760
Porcelain
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. S. Allison Creighton,
95.112

A complete list of FY96 acquisitions may be obtained from the Curatorial Division, 654-3178

#### MODERN ART OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

United States Lynn Hershman (b. 1941) Paranoid Mirror

Mixed-media installation Anne Gerber Fund Project, 95.80

Gary Hill (b. 1951) House of Cards

Video installation

1993

Purchased with funds from Mr. and Mrs. David E. Skinner, William and Ruth True, and the Collectors' Forum, 96.10

and the Collectors' Forum, 96.10

Tom Price (late 19th century)

Spruce root hat
(shown left)
late 19th century

Spruce root, paint
Gift of Sylvia Duryee, 95.90

Josiah McElheny (b. 1966) Rearrangeable Roman Glass Collection III

Glass installation
Gift of Byron R. Meyer in honor of
Patterson Sims. 96.37

Ed Rossbach (b. 1914) **Gateway** 

1970 Plastic, foam rubber, tape Gift of the artist, 95.59

Kiki Smith (b. 1954) My Blue Lake

1995 Photogravure, lithograph Purchased with funds from the Prints Purchase Fund, 95.71

Mark di Suvero (b. 1933) Schubert Sonata 1992

Steel sculpture
Gift of Jon and Mary Shirley, The Virginia
Wright Fund, and Bagley Wright, 95.81

Italy
Alberto Burri (1915-1994)
Sacco
1955

Burlap, cardboard, muslin Gift of Hester Diamond in memory of Alberto Burri, 95.134

#### CONSERVATION AT SAAM GETS A BOOST

HIGHLIGHTS

NATIVE ART OF

Spruce root, grass, fern stem, seeds

Mountain goat wool, yellow cedar

Gift of Sylvia Duryee, 95.87

Gift of Sylvia Duryee, 95.89

COAST

mid-19th century

Chilkat robe

late 19th century

Tlingit

Tlingit

Basket

THE NORTHWEST

In 1995, the museum received a highly competitive matching grant of \$25,000 from the Institute of Museum Services to relocate its significant Asian, European, and American textile collections. The project created a Textile Storage Study Room developed in consultation with textile conservator Sandra Troon. A 1,400-square-foot space was converted to a state-of-the-art facility to rehouse more than 1,000 textiles, which had previously been

Improvements included the addition of an HVAC system for accurate environmental control and a new computer station for immediate recordkeeping. Each of these extraordinary textiles is now stored in the manner most appropriate to its individual needs.

Following the gift of five Chinese wet lacquer funerary bowls in 1995, the museum began participating in research to develop an anaerobic stabilization case. The Getty Conservation Institute is kindly collaborating with our staff and Seattle conservators Patricia

Leavengood and Barbara Roberts.

the special exhibitions encourage families to have fun together

## enhancing educational initiatives

Stimulating a passion for the visual arts is a paramount goal of the Seattle Art Museum, and this year more visitors than ever before participated in a record number of exciting new and successful ongoing programs. More than 85,000 people attended over 2,000 educational programs offered at SAM and SAAM.

New programs, such as ArtStars: Kids Speak on Art, were initiated. ArtStars is an exciting, intensive Saturday program that trains eighth-grade students in Asian art and culture. After completing their training, the ArtStars give tours to younger students from their schools and community organizations. This past year, nine ArtStars completed their training and are ready to act as mentors to a new group.

Partnerships with diverse community organizations have introduced the museum to many new audiences. The art councils collaborated with the Mexican consulate to commemorate the Mexican festival El Día de los Muertos. The celebration featured a traditional altar installation in the museum's lobby by local artists and an extraordinary performance of pre-Hispanic alternative music inspired by pre-Hispanic cultures.

#### A NEW TEACHER RESOURCE CENTER

Extensive planning began for the opening of SAM's long-awaited Teacher Resource Center, which is part of a four-year initiative known as Growing Up With Art. This center will provide teachers with access to teacher guides and videos from SAM and other museums, and with the use of SAM's hands-on Outreach Suitcases. The original concept of the center as a physical space for teachers to use SAM resources was expanded with a grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts and Microsoft Corporation to include a virtual component on the World Wide Web.

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS

More than 6,600 family visitors participated in five day-long family festivals at SAM and SAAM. People ages 2 and up enjoyed art-making, musical performances, storytelling, films, and other activities.

Popular hands-on edu-

cational resources in

Interactive family guides, hands-on learning materials, and new "Family Fun Packs" provided dynamic activity suggestions for the museum's youngest visitors.

More than 9,000 visitors responded to art in the Special Exhibitions Galleries by making some of their own at drop-in art-making spaces.



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Children's extraordinary interpretations of key works in the galleries

#### S C H O O L P R O G R A M S

More than 24,500 students toured SAM and SAAM in 613 docent-led and 249 self-guided tours.

In 268 Art Studio Sessions, 8,296 students participated in hands-on art-making activities.

Teachers throughout the United States and Canada ordered 260 Curriculum Resource units, reaching 57,980 students.

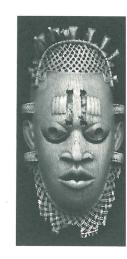
This was an exciting and successful year of school programs at SAM, and will serve as a foundation from which the museum will work to help improve the quality of arts education in Seattle schools.

More extensive tours were made available at Volunteer Park, reflecting a further development of School Services at SAAM and our desire to match our tour options to the needs of teachers and students.

SAM worked closely with three school districts in King County through the District Partnership Program, funded by the King County Arts Commission, Coca-Cola Foundation, and other sponsors. Sixth-graders in Seattle and Federal Way and ninth-graders from Northshore studied the art of Asia. The District Partnership Program was expanded this year to include an artist-in-residence component for all participating classes.

In a partnership with Whitworth Elementary, two artists-in-residence explored storytelling traditions from Japan and India at the school, and students came to SAAM for a tour of the collections. Students from the Powerful Schools program were able to work with local artists who offered classes on African, Native American, and Chinese art to children and entire families.





## a cultural adventure



#### THANK YOU

The Coca-Cola Foundation, King County Arts Commission, Seattle Arts
Commission, and the Fales Foundation helped provide free museum tours and art activities to thousands of school-children. The Hearst Foundation is helping endow the museum's education programming.

The Pew Charitable Trusts, Microsoft Corporation, and the D.V. and Ida J. McEachern Charitable Trust have all given generously to the development of the new Teacher Resource Center at SAAM



Dear Seattle Art Museum,

We wanted to thank you for the wonderful tour. . . . You made our experience at the museum a cultural adventure.

The museum is beautiful, and . . . truly a special place. Thank you for your time, energy, and expertise. It is wonderful to experience a museum that is so receptive to children and their schools.

We look forward to future visits to the Seattle Art Museum.

Sincerely,
Nancy Michel, Director of Education
Voyager Montessori Elementary School

Increased programming at the Seattle Asian Art Museum was made possible through the generous support of David Utterberg and Nayda Chiongbian, Mrs. Frances L. Blakemore, the Nesholm Family Foundation, and the Joel E. Ferris Foundation. Gifts to the Richard E. Fuller Endowment Fund from Priscilla Bullitt Collins, the Norcliffe Foundation, Christopher Larson and Julia Calhoun, Dorothy C. Malone, and many others helped provide ongoing operating support for SAAM.



Art of the Northwest coast and Georgia O'Keeffe's circle of artists were explored by 115 adults in classes held in collaboration with Seattle Central Community College

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#### A D U L T P R O G R A M S

More than 1,200 seniors enjoyed the popular First Friday Lecture Series sponsored by the Volunteers Association—offered since the museum opened in 1933.

The Art Councils presented 82 programs that enhanced appreciation and understanding of the art and cultures represented in the museum's collections. This year 5,600 people participated in council activities, and council memberships grew to 1,028.

More than 15,000 people enjoyed Seattle's longest-running noncommercial film program, including a weekend with director Werner Herzog, the fourth annual Polish Film Festival, the Seattle Asian American Film Festival, the eighteenth annual Film Noir series, a celebration of French comedies, and the restored films of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger.

More than 750 people attended the eleven popular Art à la Carte lunchtime lectures and heard from artists such as William Bailey, Tim Girvin, Jacob Lawrence, and Billy Morris.

SAM and SAAM entered into a partnership with Seattle's oldest musical organization, the Ladies Musical Club, which brought ten concerts and 688 visitors to the museums.

SAM's three guilds sponsored 25 programs for 850 participants.



Panelists participate in this year's Kwanzaa Creativity Celebration, a popular holiday event

#### VOLUNTEERS

This year 575 volunteers contributed more than 32,800 work-hours to the museum at an estimated value of \$196,800.

More than 100 Docents and African Art Interpreters gave tours to 17,597 adults at SAM and SAAM.

The museum honored 31 volunteers for their important service to museum departments, councils, guilds, and the Volunteers Association.

The Volunteers Association pledged \$50,000 towards the creation of a Volunteers Association Endowment Fund to help support programs and activities. A gift of \$30,000 has already been made toward the pledge!

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Dottie has been involved with the museum since it opened in 1933. Over these 63 years, each of us has benefited on many occasions from Dottie's vast knowledge of SAM's history and of the community. But more importantly, we have all gained in special ways from Dottie's wisdom and friendship. Dottie, a heartfelt thank-you for all you have done for SAM.



#### SAM'S DEAR FRIEND

At the spring Volunteers Reception, the museum was honored to announce that the offices at the Seattle Asian Art Museum will be named the Dorothy C. Malone Administrative Offices. It gives all of us at SAM great pleasure to recognize the outstanding contributions, the many years of exceptional volunteerism, and the unflagging devotion that our friend Dottie Malone (pictured above with trustee John Hauberg, left, and Grace Morgan, the Dottie C. Malone Volunteer of the Year, right) has given so generously to SAM. It is the efforts of individuals like Dottie, combined with the work of so many other generous volunteers, that have enabled SAM to become the outstanding institution it is today.

# REFERENCE LIBRARIES AT SAM AND SAAM The museum libraries added 510 titles, bringing the library holdings to 17,576. Of these, 212 were added to the

PUBLICATIONS

The Samuel H. Kress Foundation has

generously funded a publication about

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The museum libraries added 510 titles, bringing the library holdings to 17,576. Of these, 212 were added to the Dorothy Stimson Bullitt Library and 298 titles in 518 volumes were added to the McCaw Foundation Library of Asian Art. This collection continues to grow significantly thanks to the generosity of a distinguished collector of Asian art.

Gifts to the libraries were received from Gordon Menzies, Elliott Mittler, Patterson Sims and Katy Homans, and the West Seattle Art Club.

#### RENTAL/SALES GALLERY

Sales increased 32%, rentals and renewals went up, and—most dramatic of all—net income increased 115% for the Gallery, the major fundraiser for the Volunteers Association.

Local businesses and private individuals rented 1,705 artworks by Northwest artists, and 192 artworks were sold. Four successful exhibitions highlighted the work of contemporary artists in the Pacific Northwest.

#### DEVELOPMENT

More than \$4,963,000 was given by 25,930 local corporations, foundations, and individuals to support museum exhibitions, programs, and operations.

The museum received funds from the King County Arts Commission to provide visitors with visual- and hearing-assistance equipment to enhance their visits. The Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation's grant improved museum security.

## balancing levels of activity with resources

A unique partnership of more than 22,000 individual donors and members, together with corporations, foundations, and government agencies, has helped the Seattle Art Museum to truly make an impact on the community. The extraordinary generosity of this partnership enabled SAM to continue to balance the budget and provided critical financial support, which made possible the excellent artistic and educational programming that is a hallmark of SAM.

The board and the staff of the Seattle Art Museum sincerely thank each and every donor in this partnership who helped make a difference during the past year.



Artist Jacob Lawrence was interviewed by Peter Nesbett during the lunchtime lecture series Art à la Carte

#### A SPECIAL THANKS

Throughout this annual report we thank the foundations, government agencies, and corporations that make possible the museum's many activities, from education programming to conserving art. A special thankyou to the following institutions, whose steadfast support of the museum is critical to leveraging grants from other sources and maintaining the high level of activity chronicled in this report.

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#### ENDOWMENT

Endowments for the museum grew by more than \$4,500,000, bringing total endowment investments to over \$30,000,000.

Endowment income provided 18% of the museum's operating support.

Two key curatorial positions were funded this year: the Jon and Mary Shirley Curator of Modern Art and the Ruth J. Nutt Curator of Decorative Arts. Four out of ten of the museum's curatorial positions are now fully endowed, ensuring strong scholarship and leadership.

## building an endowment fund for the twenty-first century

Programs, acquisitions, and staffing needs are all dependent on the strength of SAM's permanent resource base. Endowments for the Seattle Art Museum grew by 18% this year. These funds provide ongoing support for museum programs and ensure that essential museum activities can continue in response to public demand.

Building the endowment will enable SAM to maintain its current level of programs and services and help to create new initiatives that will further SAM's renown as a world-class institution.

Contributions of \$10,000 and greater enable donors to establish named endowment funds. The funds can be cumulative in nature, and donors may supplement their funds over the years. Once an endowment fund reaches \$50,000 or more, donors are permanently recognized on the Endowment Honor Roll in the downtown museum's First Avenue Lobby.

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> (Above) Anhinga (1822) was featured in John James Audubon (The New-York Historical Society)

This year 2,686 museum members gave to the Annual Fund over and above their membership dues, providing \$730,000 to support exhibitions, programs, and operations.

#### THE DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

A new donor category, the Director's Circle, was initiated to honor our director, Mimi Gardner Gates, and to provide annual fund support for the many programs we offer at the Seattle Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park. SAM recognizes the inaugural members of this important group.

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Under the leadership of co-chairs P. Cameron DeVore and Ann P. Wyckoff, the Annual Fund campaign raised \$730,000, which provided vital funding for education programming, special exhibitions, conservation projects, and curatorial activities. We gratefully acknowledge the 2.686 donors to the Annual Fund for their commitment to excellence at the Seattle Art Museum.

> Director Mimi Gardner Gates helps at an ArtStars workshop



"The curators' talks were very interesting: I gained a lot of confidence in public speaking. Thank you for this opportunity."

—Aira Omaraum, ArtStar student

The ArtStars student program was one of the year's exciting new education initiatives. The comprehensive program, partially supported by Annual Fund donors, provided hands-on experience with Asian crafts, increased student enthusiasm about art and history, and built self-confidence.

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Membership in the Seattle Art Museum's premier categories offers a range of exclusive events, unequaled travel opportunities, increased benefits, unique exposure to art, and greater access to the social, cultural, and educational life of the museum.



#### GOVERNORS

Members of this foremost membership group traveled to New York in May with Mimi Gardner Gates and Patterson Sims for an art-infused tour that featured private collection visits, behindthe-scenes museum and gallery tours, and special invitations to premier openings.

#### REGENTS

One highlight of the Regents' event-filled year was the First-Night Preview of Beyond the Tanabata Bridge, which included a tea ceremony demonstration, Japanese dancers, an elegant candlelit dinner on the Grand Stairway, and intimate tours led by SAM curators and Bagley Wright, the major donor of textiles in the exhibition.

#### AMBASSADORS

Distinguished as Director Mimi Gardner Gates's charter group, the Ambassadors culminated the year with an exclusive private dinner at the home of SAM trustees and renowned art natrons lane and David R. Davis.

#### FELLOWS

As one of SAM's most loyal groups of supporters, the Fellows play an important role in the museum. Fellows programming featured luncheons and quarterly curatorial tours, including a behind-the-scenes tour of Morris Graves: Flower Paintings by Associate Curator of Modern Art Vicki Halper.

#### FRIENDS

One of the most active and innovative membership groups, the Friends enjoyed a lecture series on Art in Architecture and the Art in Landscape Garden Tours

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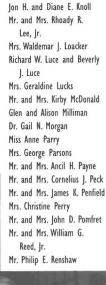
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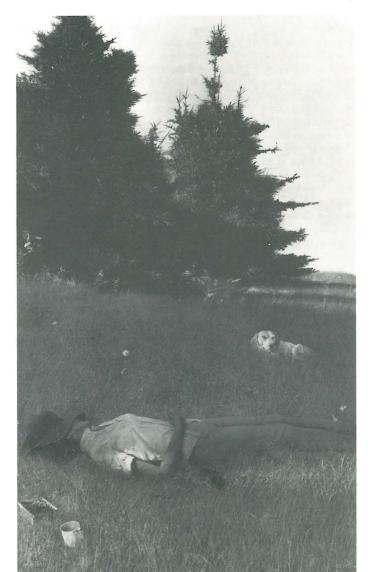
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This year special events raised \$346,000 for Seattle Art Museum operations. Special events parties, dances, and limited-edition sales enhanced the museum experience for veteran members and brought new members into the museum family.

Welcoming more than 3,200 attendees and raising \$151,000 in net revenue, the Seattle Art Museum's Black & White Ball was an overwhelming success.

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#### FREE THURSDAYS

More than 51,000 people enjoyed the museum on Free Days this year. In January 1996, SAM's free day changed to the first Thursday of the month, and community response was astounding! Free-day attendance doubled the first two months and has been steadily growing. The change allowed SAM to offer additional free hours at both museums and to complement other First Thursday events downtown. Free Days were sponsored by U.S. Bank through December 1995, and KPLU provided on-air support all year.

#### THE ART OF JAZZ

Featuring renowned jazz artists, the six Thursday evening concerts offered monthly from January to June were attended by more than 1,500 people. This popular series, now in its fourth year, was generously underwritten by Half Price Books, the Mayflower Park Hotel, and KPLU.



Visitors of all ages enjoyed the return of SAM's own special exhibition Beyond the Tanabata Bridge

#### A TRIUMPHANT RETURN

A phenomenal exhibition of 85 works of art from the museum's unparalleled collection of Japanese folk textiles enjoyed a successful national tour. Organized by the Seattle Art Museum under the stewardship of William J. Rathbun, John A McCone Foundation Curator of Asian Art, Beyond the Tanabata Bridge: A Textile Journey in Japan triumphantly returned to Seattle last summer and dazzled visitors at the downtown museum.

Drawn primarily from a major gift to SAM by Virginia and Bagley Wright, Beyond the Tanabata Bridge showcased Japanese textiles used in daily life from the late eighteenth to the twentieth century. From durable materials made from the humble basho (banana fiber) plant to glamorous brocades and silks, the exhibition encompassed an astonishing range of textures, techniques, and weaving traditions.

The Port of Seattle sponsored the exhibition locally. Through its generous support, the Port honored Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK) Line, Japan's oldest and largest shipping company. The exhibition provided an opportunity for the Port and the museum to share Japan's rich textile heritage with residents of the Puget Sound area and visitors from around the globe.

Before coming home to Seattle, Beyond the Tanabata Bridge: A Textile Journey in Japan was presented at the following institutions: The Textile Museum, Washington, D.C., the Birmingham Museum of Art, and the Dallas Museum of Art.



#### PLANNED GIVING

The Legacy Club was established to recognize the generosity and foresight of those who choose to embrace a vision for SAM's future by making a planned gift today. The hallmark of this special group is their commitment to a strong museum and their belief in the intrinsic value of art in our lives. Gifts from Legacy Club members help secure the museum's financial foundation, ensure excellence in our educational and artistic programs, and strengthen our collections. The Seattle Art Museum is most grateful to this group of dedicated friends.

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The museum continued its record of balancing operating support and expense, achieving a surplus this year.

#### Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1996

The Seattle Art Museum achieved positive financial results again this year, with operating revenue exceeding operating expense.

Total support for operations, including downtown and Volunteer Park museums, Museum Store and Cafe, ancillary groups, and restricted fund activity, increased by more than \$400,000, to approximately \$9.5 million. Strong individual support of the museum resulted in increased annual fund gifts, membership revenue, and admissions revenue. Fundraising event revenue was substantially higher due to this year's Black & White Ball. Investment income also increased substantially as a result of endowment growth. Restricted fund activity, reimbursements, and other income decreased from the prior year.

Operating expense decreased slightly from FY95, and totaled approximately \$9.2 million. Facility and security expense decreased as building efficiency continued to improve. Scheduling SAM's own Beyond the Tanabata Bridge helped decrease the expense of museum and curatorial services this year. Supporting expenses (administration and development) were higher, but included the expense of the Black & White Ball

Investments for the benefit of the museum (both museum endowment and outside trusts) now total more than \$29 million. Taking a giant step toward a long-term goal, the museum increased its endowment funds by \$4.6 million. Pledges due in future years bring the total to \$32 million.

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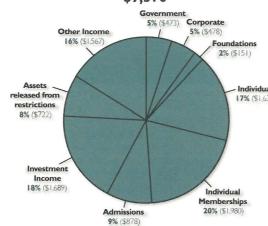
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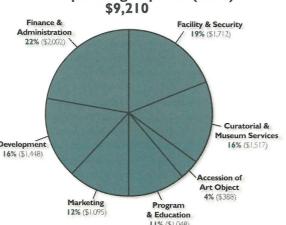
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SUPPORT	F Y 9 6			
Government	\$473,000			
Corporate	478,000			
Foundations	151,000			
Individual	1,632,000			
Individual Memberships	1,980,000			
Admissions	878,000			
Investment Income	1,689,000			
Assets Released from Restrictions	722,000			
Other Income	1,567,000			
Total Support	\$9,570,000			

EXPENSE	
Facility & Security	\$1,712,000
Curatorial & Museum Services	1,517,000
Accession of Art Objects	388,000
Programs & Education	1,048,000
Marketing	1,095,000
Development	1,448,000
Finance & Administration	2,002,000
Total Expense	\$9,210,000
Excess/Deficiency of Operating Support	\$360,000

#### FY96 Operating Support (000's) \$9,570



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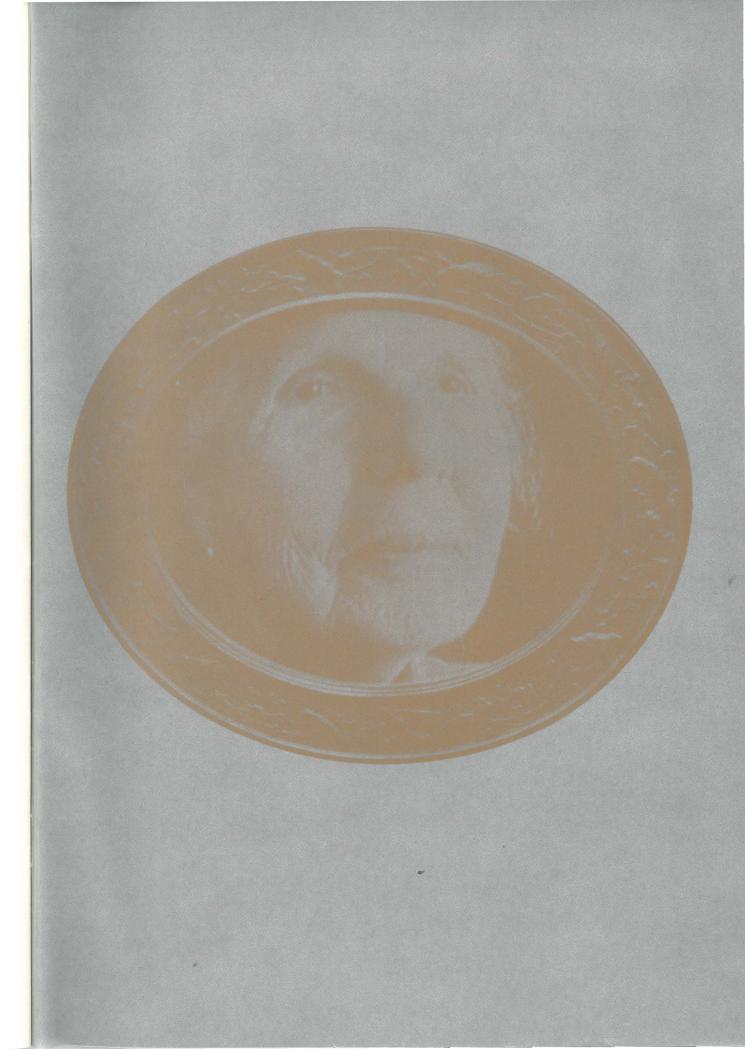
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