



MINNESOTA  
MUSEUM of  
AMERICAN ART

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### **Opening Day at the M on Sunday, December 2 to include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, in-gallery performances by SuperGroup and Lady Xok**

*St. Paul, MN, October 23, 2018:* After almost a year of construction, the new Minnesota Museum of American Art (“the M,” for short) will open to the public on Sunday, December 2, 2018. **Opening Day will take place from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.** and include a ribbon-cutting with city and state leaders, art-making activities, performances throughout the museum, and three exhibitions in the M’s new galleries. **Admission is free** and open to the public; food and drink will be available to purchase.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Noon – Ribbon-cutting with civic leaders and community partners
- 4 p.m. – Live music by Rebekah Crisanta de Ybarra, performing as [Lady Xok](#)
- All day – Twin Cities dance collaborative [SuperGroup](#) performs throughout the museum
- All day – Hands-on activities for all ages in the arts-education-focused Josephine Adele Ford Center for Creativity, with artists [Carrie Thompson](#) and Aki Shibata in the Wide Open Studio
- All day – The M’s first [Artist Takeover](#) resident artist, [Rebekah Crisanta de Ybarra](#), in-studio at the Center for Creativity

Visitors can sample the depth and breadth of the museum’s collection of American art in the exhibition [100 Years and Counting](#): early 20th century paintings, photographs, incredible drawings, mid-century studio craft, prints, contemporary Native American art, sculptures by Paul Manship and George Morrison, and recent acquisitions by outstanding American artists.

The museum’s two-story sculpture court will feature a colorful fiber art installation by New York artist [Sheila Pepe](#). Visitors and passersby on Robert Street will see Duluth-

based artist [David Bowen](#)'s dynamic street-facing exhibition, *wave line*, in the M's Window Gallery.

It's a big moment for our creative community – and we're making a day of it! For more information, visit [mmaa.org/openingday](http://mmaa.org/openingday).

Note: The M's opening weekend celebrations also include a ticketed preview party, **First Night**, on Saturday evening, December 1. For details, visit [mmaa.org/firstnight](http://mmaa.org/firstnight).



## HOURS AND LOCATION:

The new M is still located in the Historic Pioneer Endicott, but its front entrance has moved. The museum now has a **new street address: 350 Robert Street North, St. Paul, 55101.**

### Museum Hours (after December 2) | FREE Admission

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday – 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### About Minnesota Museum of American Art

Minnesota Museum of American Art is one of the oldest visual arts organizations in Minnesota, with roots stretching back to the 19th century. Based in St. Paul, the M currently holds more than 4,500 artworks that showcase the unique voices of American artists, guided by the belief that art should reflect the constantly shifting landscape that defines the American experience. The M's (re)opening in December 2018 will make accessible 20,000 square feet of exhibition, learning, and gathering spaces. In 2020, the museum will expand further with the opening of its permanent collection galleries. Upon completion of this second phase of construction, the new M will cover 36,000 square feet of space on the first floor of the Pioneer Endicott.

For details about the new M's upcoming events, exhibitions, and classes, visit [mmaa.org](http://mmaa.org), or follow @mnmuseum on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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