

# ACKLANDARTMUSEUM

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## **Due to Adjacent Construction, Ackland to Temporarily Close to Public**

Chapel Hill, N.C.—The Ackland Art Museum announced today that, due to activities related to the construction project adjacent to its building, the Museum will close its galleries to the public from Monday, 6 March, through Sunday, 19 March 2017.

The current construction is the first phase of the \$2.8 million Porthole Alley project, creating a pedestrian walkway to the UNC-Chapel Hill campus and a new, two-lane road off South Columbia Street between the Ackland Art Museum and Top of the Hill restaurant.

“This temporary closure is necessary for the safety of the art in our collection and the safety of our visitors,” said Ackland Art Museum Director Katie Ziglar. “Much of the art on view will be de-installed in order to be protected from vibrations. We regret any inconvenience our short-term closure may cause.”

Public programs scheduled during this period will be rescheduled; updates will appear on [ackland.org](http://ackland.org).

### **About the Ackland**

Featuring a year-round calendar of special exhibitions and dynamic public programs, the Ackland Art Museum—located on the historic campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill—encourages visitors to engage with the rich legacy of the artistic past as well as with living artists from around the world.

The Ackland’s holdings consist of more than 18,000 works of art, featuring significant collections of European masterworks, twentieth-century and contemporary art, African art, North Carolina pottery, and folk art. In addition, the Ackland has North Carolina’s premier collections of Asian art and works on paper (drawings, prints, and photographs). This universal collection of artworks from antiquity to the present makes the Ackland uniquely able to advance the teaching and research missions of the University.

The Ackland Art Museum is located at 101 South Columbia Street on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus.

Museum hours are Wednesday, Thursdays, and second Fridays 10-9, all other Fridays 10-5, Saturdays 10-5, and Sundays 1-5. Admission is free. More information is available at [ackland.org](http://ackland.org).

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