

ACKLANDARTMUSEUM

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Ackland Museum Store Opens its Doors

Sales from downtown Chapel Hill retail space to benefit Ackland Art Museum

Chapel Hill, NC – Having received its Certificate of Occupancy, the Ackland Art Museum today opens its Ackland Museum Store on the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets, in downtown Chapel Hill.

The Ackland Museum Store has a focused emphasis on merchandise that supports and reflects the Museum's core mission to animate, inspire, and transform people's lives with works of art. The Store's inventory includes home décor items such as pottery, glass, and metalwork; kitchen and tabletop items; jewelry and accessories; children's toys and books; and stationery. Books about art history and criticism, contemporary art and design, and culture and lifestyles are also available, as well as books by UNC and regional authors and artists' monographs.

A dedicated gallery space at the Ackland Museum Store features rotating exhibitions of original artworks in a variety of media by local and regional artists and artisans. The premier exhibition features works by seven North Carolina artists who have a connection to Penland School of Crafts, whether as a teacher, student, or resident. The show, entitled "Nothing is Impossible," features work by Margaret Couch Cogswell (book arts, multi-media), Celia Gray (encaustic paintings), Bryant Holsenbeck (environmental art), Ann Marie Kennedy (paper art, installation), Evan Lightner (furniture), Gretchen McLaren (metal), and Sylvie Rosenthal (woodwork, sculpture).

Ackland Museum Store Hours:

Monday through Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:30 PM

Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 PM

All proceeds from the store support the Ackland's exhibition and education programs.

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The Ackland Art Museum

The Ackland Art Museum is located on the historic campus of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Ackland's holdings consist of more than 16,000 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). As an academic unit of the University, the Ackland serves broad local, state, and national constituencies.

Hours and Admission

The Ackland Art Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; and Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Admission to the Museum is always free, with donations accepted.

Location and Parking

The Ackland Art Museum is located at 101 South Columbia Street, near the corner of East Franklin Street, in downtown Chapel Hill. Parking is available at several nearby municipal and private parking decks, and at meters on Franklin Street. Most Chapel Hill Transit buses (free) provide service to downtown Chapel Hill. More information is available at 919.966.5736 or www.ackland.org.

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