

Crocker Art Museum – A Masterpiece in the Making Fact Sheet

Architect: Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects, New York
General Contractor: Rudolph & Sletten, Redwood City, CA

Size: 125,000-square-foot expansion

Features: The Crocker Art Museum is undertaking an expansion that will triple its size and vastly improve the visitor experience, collection care and museum operations.

The New Crocker:

- Triples the size of the existing facility
- Quadruples the square footage for exhibition space
- Accommodates large, traveling exhibitions
- Preserves the historic Art Gallery Building as the architectural centerpiece with its classic, contemporary design
- Provides a café with indoor and outdoor seating, a 260-seat auditorium and meeting center
- Includes an Education Center with four studio art classrooms, children's gallery, Teacher Resource Center and new library
- Allows for secure collections care and storage space that is not susceptible to flooding
- Includes a striking two-story atrium for events that can seat 400 for dinner or up to 1,200 including the Courtyard

Funding:

- Campaign under way to raise a minimum of \$100 million for capital expansion and endowment
- More than \$92 million has been raised (as of July 7, 2010) for expansion
 - \$19.15 million from four public entities
 - \$73.50 million from individuals, corporations and foundations

Landmark Dates:

- November 2000: Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects is chosen to undertake master planning for the museum
- September 2001: Announcement of \$16 million from individual donors that enables design work to continue
- January 2002: City Council and Crocker Board approve master plan
- March 2003: City Council and Crocker Board approve concept design
- November 2004: City Council and Crocker Board approve the schematic design and Gwathmey Siegel begins construction drawings
- January 2005: Environmental Impact Report is completed
- July 26, 2007: Groundbreaking
- Spring 2008: Preparatory sitework complete
- July 2008: 1,000-cubic-yard of concrete foundation base complete
- November 26, 2008: 1,400-ton steel superstructure complete
- June 1, 2010: Construction complete
- October 10, 2010: Grand Opening