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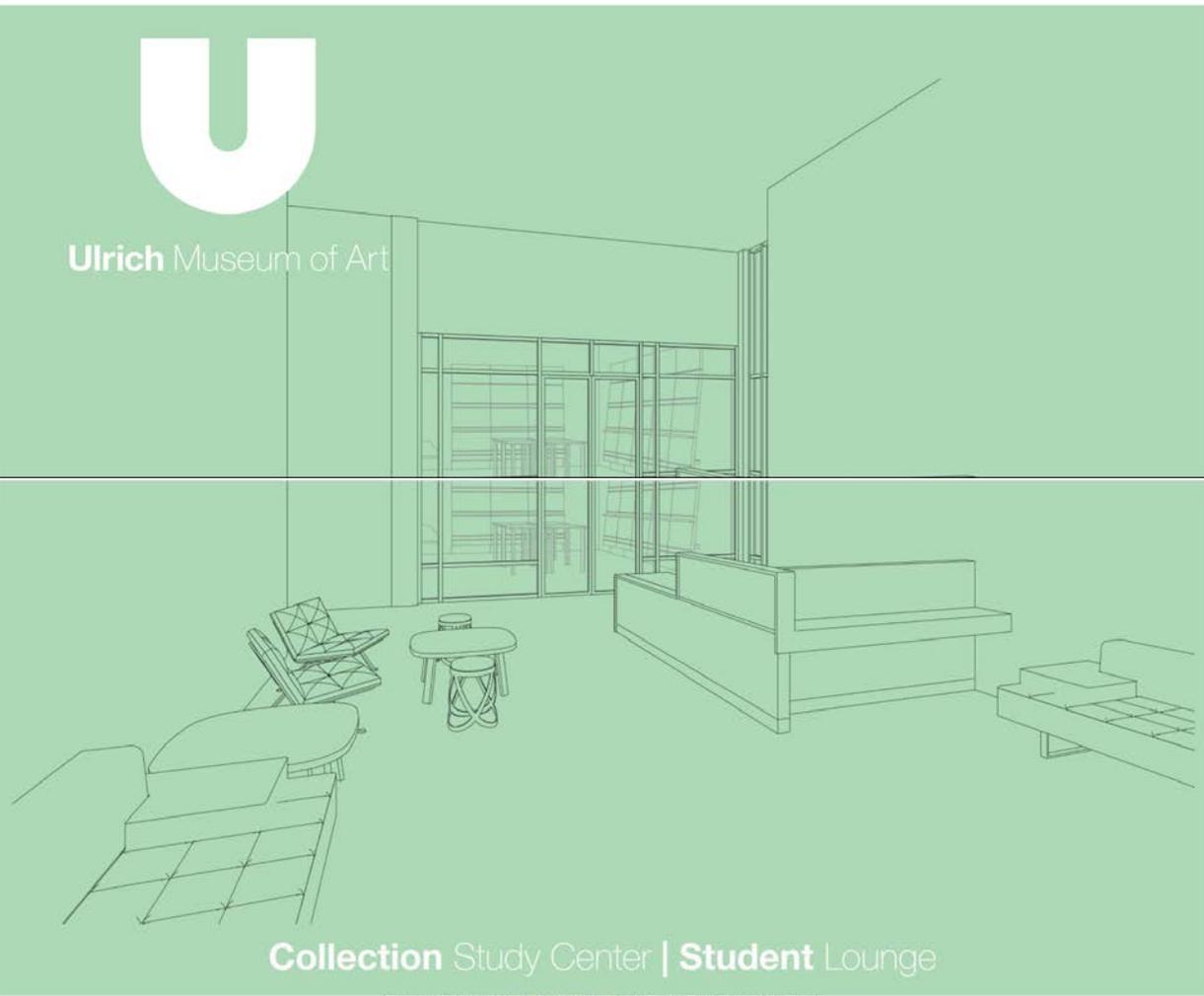
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Collection Study Center | Student Lounge

Rendering of the planned Collection Study Center and Student Lounge at the Ulrich Museum.

Safety Protocol

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Monday-Saturday 11am-5pm | Closed Sundays, University & Major Holidays
@ulrich.wichita.edu | Free Admission | 316.978.3664
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Our Mission

Our mission is to expand human experience through encounters with the art of our time.

As the region's source for modern and contemporary art, the Ulrich Museum of Art at Wichita State University connects viewers with artists and artworks that reflect our world today. Visitors can explore and enjoy 20th and 21st century art with exhibitions that feature emerging and established artists, works from our permanent collection, and traveling exhibitions.

The WSU campus is home to the Ulrich Museum's renowned Martin H. Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection, rated one of the top collections of its kind by Public Art Review. The Museum holds a permanent collection of more than 6,700 works by such artists as Benny Andrews, Diane Arbus, Helen Frankenthaler, Zhang Huan, Jacob Lawrence, Joan Mitchell, Robert Motherwell, Rodney McMillian, Gordon Parks, W. Eugene Smith, Kara Walker and Andy Warhol.

Click on these links to learn more about our dynamic [public programs](#), [events](#) and [exhibitions](#). Please be sure to follow us on our social media platforms [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#). We'd love to hear from you and share your posts! (@ulrichmuseum, #ulrichmuseum)!

History

The Ulrich Museum of Art was established in 1974 to enhance and support Wichita State University's educational and service mission. Then-president Clark Ahlberg believed a superior university should be ever mindful of the thriving city surrounding it. In 1977 he articulated his commitment to this belief: "We have an obligation to reach as many people as possible and to do it with the highest standards—in this case, the highest artistic standards—if we are to properly serve this urban area." To execute his plan to make art an integral part of university and community life, Ahlberg recruited Dr. Martin H. Bush, formerly of Syracuse University. In 1971 Bush began his 20-year tenure as vice president of Academic Resources, during which he guided the establishment of a museum and collection that today enjoy a national reputation. In 2005 the American Alliance of Museums in Washington, D.C. awarded museum accreditation to the Ulrich as one of only 12 accredited museums in Kansas.

The museum was named in honor of Edwin A. Ulrich, a Hyde Park, New York, businessman who donated his collection of more than 300 works by the early 20th-century painter Frederick Judd Waugh and set up an endowment to support the new institution. The founding of the Ulrich coincided with the construction of a new facility for the museum and the WSU School of Art and Design and Creative Industries, the McKnight Art Center. A 1995 renovation created additional gallery and office space as well as a terraced sculpture court at the entrance.

A key element of President Ahlberg's master plan for an enhanced university environment in the 1970s was the presence of major works of art situated outdoors throughout the campus. Today the Martin H. Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection at Wichita State University boasts 81 monumental works by such internationally eminent artists as Arman, Alice Aycock, Fernando Botero, Andy Goldsworthy, Barbara Hepworth, Luis Alfonso Jimenez, and Claes Oldenburg. In

2006 the journal Public Art Review ranked the Martin H. Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection among the ten best on an American university campus.

Governance

The Ulrich Museum of Art is governed by its parent organization, [Wichita State University](#). The Museum director reports to the Executive Vice President and Provost.

Museum direction is also guided by the Ulrich Advisory Board, composed of no more than 25 university and community leaders. The Advisory Board reports to the WSU Foundation, which holds legal title to the Museum's art collection, and it is empowered by Wichita State University to serve as the Museum's de facto governing body. The long-term purposes and policies of the Museum are subject to review by the Kansas Board of Regents.

The Ulrich benefits from a second support group. The Ulrich Museum Alliance, an association of no more than 18 individuals, supports the Museum by providing active volunteers who are committed to:

- raising awareness of the Ulrich
- building audience for and participation at Ulrich functions
- supporting Ulrich membership efforts

Advisory Board Members

Lee Starkel, Chair

Members: Saroj Arab, Michelle Bastian, Martin Bauer, Tami Bradley, John Carnahan, Tracy Hoover, Sangeeta Khicha, George Lucas, Jane McHugh, Nancy Michaelis, Kate Nicholson, Mike Roach, Courtney Rogers, Larry Schwarm, Chris Shank, Jennifer Skliris, Keith Stevens, Craig Thompson, Jan Twomey, Janice Van Sickle

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