

## Seattle Art Museum's Newly Expanded Store

SEATTLE, April 26, 2007—The Seattle Art Museum will unveil two new retail spaces when its newly expanded museum opens May 5. At more than three times the size of the previous space, the main store, SAM SHOP has a new location along First Avenue where visitors can enter from the street level or from the foyer of the new museum entrance. In addition an exhibition shop on the fourth floor offers products related to special exhibitions.

“SAM’s retail offerings are more global and integrated into the museum mission to connect art to life than ever before,” says Brad Bigelow, SAM Retail Operations Manager. “With four sites, two at the new SAM downtown, the Seattle Asian Art Museum and the Olympic Sculpture Park we are able to offer visitors a selection of diverse merchandise that they can’t find anywhere else. The new and expanded store on First Avenue showcases objects and learning resources that will enhance the visitors understanding and enjoyment of art and design.”

The 3,800 square foot SAM Shop is spacious, inviting and easy to navigate. Visitors can peruse through unique sculpture, textiles, ceramics and handcrafts from around the world. The shop will also carry one of a kind jewelry from local and international designers including Lisa Kinoshita, Su Olsen and Laura Baxter and a selection of American and European glass from artists including Rodman Gilder Miller, Dari Gordon and Stefan Lenke. Included in the shop is a seating area where visitors can browse through more than 1,000 titles. Visitors will also find design objects, gifts and SAM souvenirs on display.

On the fourth floor visitors can venture up to the Special Exhibition Shop, located adjacent to the Simonyi Special Exhibition Galleries. This new large space will offer unique merchandise inspired by the works of art in the special exhibition galleries. The first theme of the Special Exhibition Shop will be Functional Design: SAM Connects Art to Life, featuring superb designer gifts, textiles, and jewelry with an emphasis on exceptionally designed home décor pieces.

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
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