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Art Collections

The Newark Museum’s distinguished art collections are international in scope and importance and span from antiquity to the present day. The Museum boasts the most significant historical collection of Tibetan art in the Western hemisphere, including a consecrated Buddhist altar, as well as collections of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian and Southeast Asian Art. The renowned American art collection, on view in Seeing America, ranges from Colonial portraiture to a superb collection of Hudson River School landscape paintings, folk and outsider art, as well as major works of modern and contemporary art in all media. The extensive collection of African art includes masks and other sculpture, ceramic vessels, dress and adornment, as well as photography, painting and video art. Collections of ceramics, glass, silver, jewelry, furniture and textiles comprise the considerable Decorative Arts collection.

Tibetan Buddhist Altar

In 1990, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama paid his third visit to the Newark Museum for the express purpose of consecrating this extraordinary Tibetan Buddhist altar within the Museum’s galleries. Linking the past with the present, the altar enframes portions of a previous Tibetan altar the Museum constructed in 1935. Since the first exhibition of Tibetan art in 1911, countless visitors (including the Tibetan Trade Delegation in 1948), have revered the art of Tibet at the Newark Museum. With an unparalleled collection of sacred and secular objects including paintings, sculptures, ritual implements, costumes and textiles, no other museum equals this comprehensive experience.

Dreyfuss Planetarium

The Alice and Leonard Dreyfuss Planetarium is a spectacular interactive theater for visualizing astronomical events, space and planetary science. Explore the constellations, travel through the solar system, visit distant galaxies and soar to the edge of the universe. The centerpiece of this 50-seat theater is a state-of-the-art Zeiss ZKP3B projector that can project up to 7,000 stars and display the correct positions of the Sun, Moon and planets.

Balantine House

Built in 1885 for Jeanette and John Holme Balantine of the celebrated Newark beer-brewing family, this brick and limestone mansion was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1985. Wander through history in House & Home, a suite of eight Victorian period rooms and accompanying thematic galleries depicting how people have decorated their homes in America, from the 1650s to the present day.