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Muskegon Museum of Art Breaks Ground on Expansion



Boston, MA and Muskegon, MI — (June 11, 2022) —The Muskegon Museum of Art Foundation broke ground on its first expansion project in 30 years, led by Boston-based Annum Architects (previously Ann Beha Architects) and Mathison | Mathison Architects, along with owner’s representative Construction Simplified, both of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Founded in 1912, the Muskegon Museum of Art holds a significant collection of American and European artworks, sculpture and studio glass. The 26,000 SF expansion is driven by a renewed vision for exhibitions programming, collections growth,

and community outreach through new exhibition spaces, an outdoor sculpture plaza, museum shop, classrooms, events space, and a roof terrace. Due to generous donations from two of the country’s leading art collectors, the Museum will soon be one of the only museums in the world to have a permanent space dedicated to the work of women artists.

A leader in museum design, Annum has completed award-winning buildings for the Shelburne Museum, the Currier Museum of Art, the New Britain Museum of American Art, the Portland Art Museum, and the Center for Netherlandish Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and a Welcome Center for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Other recent work includes master plans for the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History and the State Museum of Pennsylvania, the renovation and expansion Mattatuck Museum, and renovation of Chicago’s landmark Newberry Library.

About Annum Architects (annumarchitects.com)

Annum Architects’ (previously Ann Beha Architects) projects explore the discourse between heritage and the future, to establish new identities and settings for arts, education, and the civic realm. Its design honors include awards from the Boston Society of Architects, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society for College and University Planning, and the American Institute of Architects. Based in Boston and practicing worldwide, Annum is a minority-owned firm with a diverse and inclusive studio culture.

About Mathison | Mathison Architects (mathisonarchitects.com)

Mathison | Mathison Architects (MMA) is an award-winning full-service architecture and interior design firm based in West Michigan, with a focus on modernism and sustainable design. With project experience throughout Michigan, the East Coast and New England, MMA shares a passion for modern aesthetic, natural materials, and a collaborative approach to design. MMA was recently internationally recognized as a “Best Young Firm” by *Architizer*.

About the Muskegon Museum of Art (muskegonartmuseum.org)

The Muskegon Museum of Art, founded on a tradition of aesthetic excellence, is committed to fostering the life-long study and appreciation of the visual arts by strengthening, preserving, and exhibiting its collections; offering a wide range of traditional and contemporary exhibitions; stimulating learning and creativity through diverse public and educational programming; and enhancing community involvement and support in a safe, accessible, and welcoming environment. The museum provides West Michigan access to a world-class collection of visual art — paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture, and glass — enhanced by a wide range of temporary exhibitions. Educational programs, including classes, family programs, lectures, and hands-on activities, as well as guided tours, provide a context for interpretation of the collection and make it accessible to diverse audiences.

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