

# TACOMA ART MUSEUM

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## Tacoma Art Museum Awarded Terra Foundation Grant

June 3, 2021 (Tacoma, WA) — Tacoma Art Museum (TAM) is one of 35 arts and cultural organizations across the United States to be awarded a grant from the prestigious Terra Foundation for American Art grant. The award recognizes TAM's commitment to provide more diverse and inclusive interpretations of the art of the American West by developing new exhibitions that will open in the Haub Family Galleries in 2024.

The Terra Foundation established this grant in response to the global pandemic, [Re-envisioning Permanent Collections: An Initiative for US Museums](#), to “encourage museums to delve more deeply into their collections to reveal a fuller multiplicity of artworks and voices that have shaped, in the past and up through the present, the artistic and cultural heritage of the U.S. The grants support permanent collection reinstallation planning and implementation as well as the development of temporary exhibitions drawn from museum collections.”

“It's an honor for TAM to be awarded this Terra Foundation grant. We are absolutely elated to be recognized for our diversity and equity initiatives. This project is of particular importance as it considers one of our most celebrated collections regarding the art of the American West,” said David F. Setford, TAM's Executive Director. “We extend our congratulations to our neighbors at the Seattle Art Museum and Portland Art Museum for their commitment to this work, among other awardees across the country who are also recognized by this Terra award, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian American Art Museum.”

The Terra Foundation grant supports TAM's research and development of the *(Re)Frame: Haub Family Collection of Western American Art* project that demonstrates the Museum's commitment to amplify community voices and to become a more inclusive, relevant, and valued cultural resource for all audiences. “Diversity and equity in the art world is of utmost importance,” said Faith Brower, Haub Curator of Western American Art, “through this project, we intend to apply anti-racist strategies towards the interpretation of the art of the American West. Five guest curators will reimagine the Haub Family Galleries while drawing from the esteemed collection, which contains approximately 300 works spanning from 1790 to today. We are thrilled that with the support of the Terra Foundation for American Art, scholars from around the country can present their interpretations of the collection.”

TAM has begun transformational work in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) that includes strategies to amplify Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) voices through exhibitions and acquisitions to better serve the community as an equitable and accessible art resource. The initiative supported by the Terra Foundation grant is one response to this work.

TAM looks forward to announcing the guest curators for this project this fall.

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#### **About Tacoma Art Museum**

Celebrating over 85 years, Tacoma Art Museum is the leading resource for art of the Pacific Northwest and greater western region. TAM's mission is to transform our communities by sharing art that inspires broader perspectives and cultivates a compassionate future. TAM's collection contains more than 5,300 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader Western region, 25% of which consists of studio glass. The collection includes the largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on permanent view; the most significant collection of studio art jewelry by Northwest artists; key holdings in 19th century European and 20th century American art; and one of the finest collections of Japanese woodblock prints on the West Coast. TAM is in the heart of Tacoma's vibrant Museum District, which consists of six museums, including the Museum of Glass and the Washington State History Museum.

**TEMPORARY HOURS:** Friday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm.

**ADMISSION** – \$18 Adult, \$15 Student/Senior (65+), \$40 Family (2 adults and up to four children ages 6-18), Children 5 and under free every day. Children 18 and under free every Saturday. TAM Members; Tacoma Public Schools high school students; active-duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families always free.

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