

## North Building Project Facts

### Overview:

The Gio Ponti-designed North Building opened to the public in 1971. The building provides public access to museum exhibitions, permanent collections and art conservation in the heart of Denver's Golden Triangle neighborhood. In recent years, the Denver Art Museum (DAM) has experienced explosive growth – with exhibitions and programs engaging more than 700,000 visitors per year, and more than 113,000 kids per year attending thanks to the museum's Free for Kids program. DAM's world-renowned Learning and Engagement programs unlock creativity and critical thinking, and the museum has received accolades locally and internationally for its scholarship and inventive programs.

The vision for revitalizing this architectural gem is to complete and unify the museum campus to serve audiences reflective of our shared community; to illuminate collections presenting special exhibitions and interpretive offerings, and to deliver excellent programs in contemporary spaces. Renovations to the North Building in this project also will update critical safety and operations systems, replace aging infrastructure to enable continued public service for the next 50 years.

### North Building Project Basics:

- Square footage: 33,238 s.f. in newly available public space upon North Building project completion
- Project Budget: \$150 million (estimated)
- Current Public funding: \$3 million Better Denver Bond to refurbish the Bonfils-Stanton Gallery

### New Spaces:

- **Welcome Center** featuring fast-casual dining, formal dining and expanded event spaces.
- **Center for Learning and Engagement** for hands-on creative activities, performance and student showcases.
- **Design and Graphics Gallery** for the museum's renowned collection, including the AIGA Design Archive.
- Reopened **Bonfils-Stanton Gallery** for collection-based exhibitions and experiences.
- **Western American Art galleries** expanded on 7th floor and new outdoor public space.
- **Outdoor site improvements** allowing greater safety and efficiency for welcoming school and youth groups.
- **Conservation Lab** with public visibility into art conservators' work.

### Project Team:

- Architecture: Fentress Architects, Denver, and Machado Silvetti, Boston
- Construction: Saunders Construction, Inc.

### Timeline:



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