

Report of the Chairman of the Building of the Century Campaign

THE MODERN WING opened in May 2009 to critical acclaim and enormous popular success. Following a more than five-year fund-raising campaign, the Modern Wing opened fully funded and endowed, with more than \$400 million having been raised for the design, construction, and endowment of this historic building addition and related capital projects. The Building of the Century Campaign ranks as the most successful fund-raising effort ever undertaken by a Chicago cultural institution. The success of the Modern Wing and the Building of the Century Campaign is a testament to the leadership and vision of the Art Institute's Board of Trustees, the dedication of the capital campaign committee members, and the inspiring generosity of Chicago's philanthropic community.

As we conclude this landmark effort, we are truly grateful to the Founders and Benefactors of the Art Institute of Chicago for the 21st Century, a designation that hearkens back to Chicago's early philanthropists. Building on the legacy of their predecessors, today's Founders and Benefactors have secured the continued success of the Art Institute as one of the world's premier encyclopedic museums. We are pleased and proud to acknowledge these donors in the Modern Wing's Griffin Court, where they will be recognized in perpetuity for their unrivalled civic commitment.

We are likewise deeply grateful for the generosity of the Woman's Board, the Auxiliary Board, the Leadership Advisory Committee, the Evening Associates, and the Community Associates. These boards and museum affiliates came forward to give additional support for the Modern Wing above and beyond what they provide the Art Institute on an annual basis.

Leading corporations and foundations joined this remarkable effort as well. Their contributions are an investment in the cultural life of the city and an affirmation of the special role the Art Institute has in the lives of Chicagoans. As we celebrate the Modern Wing, we would like to thank and recognize all of the donors who have made gifts in support of the Building of the Century Campaign.

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