Planning Your Project 1 Field Trip: Cultural Institutions Referrals

In addition to exploring the Project 1 artwork, extend your field trip by visiting a local cultural institution. To plan your experience at a partner location below, email the listed contact.

**Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park** (1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525)

On exhibition during Project 1:

- *Rebecca Louise Law: The Womb* will be on display in the indoor sculpture galleries from Friday, September 20, 2019, through Sunday, March 1, 2020. Law’s use of natural materials, mainly floral, encourage the viewer to experience the relationship between humanity and nature.

- *Chrysanthemums & More* will take place Friday, September 20 through Sunday, October 27, 2019. This is a celebration of the chrysanthemum and fall plantings at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. Central to the exhibition in the extensive chrysanthemum display showcasing thousands of flowering plants in both interior and exterior locations – the largest of its kind in Michigan.

- A full description of all the educational options available for school groups and the online field trip registration form can be accessed here.

Admission Cost: $4/student for a self-led visit for groups of at least 10 students. Additional fees apply for guided tours, tram tours, classroom activities, and school programs. Registration is required a minimum of two weeks in advance of the intended visit date.

Weekday Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

To learn more and plan your visit at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, please contact fieldtrips@meijergardens.org.
Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives (87 Monroe Center St., Grand Rapids, MI 49503)

On exhibition during Project 1:

- The mission of the GRAAMA is to “promote, preserve, display, collect and honor the lives, culture, history and accomplishments of African, African American, and connected people in the Greater Grand Rapids Michigan community.” Immerse your students in the rich history of African and African American culture in Grand Rapids. Storytelling, historical artifacts, and shared knowledge are celebrated and cherished at the GRAAMA.
- The GRAAMA was the winner of the ArtPrize 10 Outstanding Venue Award!

Weekday hours: Closed Mondays. Tuesdays-Fridays 12pm-5pm.

To learn more and plan your visit, please contact GRAAMA at bayardgallery@aol.com.

The Grand Rapids Art Museum (101 Monroe Center St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503)

On exhibition during Project 1:

- *Billy Mayer: The Shape of Things* will be on display from August 24, 2019, through February 2, 2020. This is a collection of small and large-scale sculptures that unite daily life with broader ideas about human existence. Mayer combined various mixed media, materials, and elements to create parallels that layer his work.
- *Relevant: Abstraction from GRAM’s Collection* will be on display from September 6, 2019, through January 5, 2020. Guest curator Juana Williams has curated eleven abstract works from the GRAM’s permanent collection. Most of the pieces in this collection were created between the 1950s and 1970s when abstract art was being questioned as a relevant form of expression. The works selected for Relevant defend that abstract art remained an invigorating form for artists of that time.
- *David Wiesner & The Art of Wordless Storytelling* will be on exhibition from October 12, 2019, through January 12, 2020. This exhibition features work by highly acclaimed
illustrator David Wiesner. 70 original watercolors from Wiesner’s books will be on display, as well as sketches and notebooks from early in his career.

- One-hour, docent-led tour through the GRAM’s exhibitions are available with reservation. Chaperones required (at least 1 teacher and/or adult chaperone per every 10 students). Reservations must be made directly with the GRAM at least two weeks in advance of desired tour date.

Weekday hours for school groups: Closed Mondays. Tuesday - Friday 10am to 5pm.

To learn more and plan your visit at the Grand Rapids Art Museum, please contact Emily Jarvi, School Experience Manager, at 616.831.2928 or ejarvi@artmuseumgr.org.

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The Grand Rapids Children’s Museum (11 Sheldon Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503)
On exhibition during Project 1:

- **AMAZING DINOSAURS!**: Touch real fossils and come face-to-face with lifelike re-creations of your favorite dinosaurs when Amazing Dinosaurs! come to play at the Grand Rapids Children’s Museum. Special interactions within the exhibit include 20+ touchable fossils, two fossil dig boxes, and giant, interactive dioramas featuring a T.rex on the prowl and a nesting raptor.

- Details about additional daily programming available upon request.

Admission Costs: $4/person for scheduled field trips.
Weekday hours: Closed Mondays. Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday 9:30am-5pm. Thursday 9:30am-8pm.

To learn more and plan an experience at the Grand Rapids Children’s Museum, please contact scheduler@grcm.org.
The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum (303 Pearl St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504)
On exhibition during Project 1:

- *Extraordinary Circumstances:* This is an exhibition of photography by President Gerald Ford's personal White House photographer, David Hume Kennerly, who personally selected each image, creating what he calls "a close-up portrait of President Ford's humanity."
- Details about the permanent collection are available on their [website](#). Teachers interested in a standards-aligned class along with their guided Museum tour can view class offerings [here](#).

Admission Cost: Pre-registered student groups are free of charge. Chaperones required (at least 1 adult per ten students admitted for free). Additional adults will be required to pay regular admission ($10/person).
Weekday hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

To learn more and plan your visit, contact Clare Shubert at cshubert@38foundation.org or 616.254.0409. Teachers interested in self-guided or docent-led tours should contact Desiree Ruhland at desiree.ruhland@nara.gov or 616.254.0367.

The Grand Rapids Public Museum (272 Pearl St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504)
On exhibition during Project 1:

- Guided Education Program Highlight - *Beyond Escher's Universe*  
  M.C. Escher was many things: an artist, an astronomer, a mathematician, a traveler. *Escher's Universe,* shown in the Chaffee Planetarium, explores Escher's continuous search for knowledge and his unique ability to join science, math, and art. Following this one-of-a-kind art documentary, students will find inspiration throughout GRPM exhibits to create their own versions of Escher's most iconic works—tessellations.
- *TOYS!* is an interactive, multi-generation exhibition of toys and games to rekindle childhood memories and spark the creation of new ones. This GRPM original exhibit features toys and games from the Museum’s Collections and on loan from the community, allowing visitors to imagine, compete and create, while going on a journey of toys through generations.
Free carousel ride with education program booked during Project 1 by ArtPrize Education Days

Admission Costs:
Kent County Student: Free
Other Student: $3.00
Guided programs: $4/$5
Weekday hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

To learn more and plan your field trip to the Grand Rapids Public Museum, book your visit online or contact groups@grpm.org.

Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (2 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids, MI 49503)
On exhibition during Project 1:
  ● SPECTRA will be on display from September 6 through December 20. This interdisciplinary group exhibition is being presented concurrently with Relevant at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. SPECTRA focuses on abstract art through various mediums and contemporary, experimental works.
  ● More information about the UICA can be found on their website.

Admission Cost: $8/student for docent-led tours (capacity: 30 students maximum). Chaperones required (1 adult per every 10 students). Tours are available during regular business hours.
Weekday hours: Closed Mondays. Tuesday-Friday 2pm-9pm.

To learn more and plan your visit, please contact katherinew@uica.org.