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In Recognition of the Crocker Art Museum

Founded in 1885 as the first art museum in the Western United States, the Crocker Art Museum is one of the leading art institutions in California and home to one of the country's premier collections of Californian art. The Museum's collection includes Californian, European, Asian, African and Oceanic works, international ceramics, and one of the finest early collections of master drawings in the United States. To add to the visitor's experience of the art on view, the Crocker hosts a wide range of programs for visitors of all ages.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Crocker Art Museum is comprised of three superlative buildings which house the collection. The centerpiece of the Museum is the gallery building. Completed in 1872, it retains its original Victorian-Italianate design. The gallery building's interior is elaborately decorated with ornate painting and carved woods. Adjacent to the gallery building is the Crocker family mansion. The mansion retains a historic façade and has a modern gallery interior.

The Teel Family Pavilion, a 125,000 square-foot contemporary addition to the Museum designed by Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects, was added in 2010, and was designed to complement the existing structures. The addition tripled the size of the Museum, allowing for the display of more works of art in its galleries and enhanced public programming in its education center, auditorium, and community gathering places.

The education center features studio art classrooms, an art education resource room for teachers, parents, and docents, a library, student and community exhibition galleries, and Tot Land, an interactive gallery dedicated to families with children five and under.

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