

POMONA COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Pomona College Museum of Art provides invaluable academic and artistic engagement for both the Pomona College and Claremont communities, but its successes have far outstripped its resources.

We are first and foremost a teaching museum; our mission is to create an ideal learning environment through lively and innovative art experiences that foster creativity and critical thinking. We take as a given that teaching is much more than students in classroom seats. Teaching/learning is active, and at its best fosters creative and intellectual explorations across disciplines. Furthermore, teaching is not a cloistered activity. Our academic community is part of a series of overlapping communities, and we have thought a lot about the broader meanings of community, as we've developed the conceptual program for a better museum

A teaching museum provides opportunities for active encounters with original works of art and with contemporary artists through exhibitions, collection study, and events. PCMA offers a range of exhibitions that might not otherwise be available, or easily available, to our communities. This ability directly affects the quality of the academic experience at Pomona and the Claremont Colleges, and it is a cultural resource for our surrounding communities. The museum welcomes 18,000 visitors a year on average, at least half of whom are from outside the Colleges. All of our programs and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

Through collaborations with the Claremont Unified School District, the museum offers educational programs to every CUSD third-grader free of charge, a package that includes: an in-class lesson by our museum education consultant, study materials for teachers, class visits to the Native American Study Collection, and a post visit classroom lesson. We are also a venue for the Claremont Museum of Art's ARTstART program for students in elementary, middle and high school. More than 1,000 Claremont students participate in these programs annually. Every foot of usable space on site is being used to provide these important programs for the community, and still it is insufficient to meet the growing demand for high-quality arts engagement in our region.

The PCMA's operating hours, during the academic year, are:

Tuesday through Sunday 12:00pm—5:00pm.
Thursday evening 5:00pm—11:00pm
36 hours/week, closed between semesters
Additional hours for campus and special events

For more information, please visit www.pomona.edu/museum, www.pomona.edu/new-PCMA or email newPCMA@pomona.edu.