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MEMORIAL ART GALLERY RECEIVES
“MUSEUMS FOR AMERICA” GRANT

ROCHESTER, NY — Director Grant Holcomb has announced that the Memorial Art Gallery will receive a prestigious Museums for America award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

The $76,503 grant was awarded in one of three categories, “Sustaining Cultural Heritage,” and is earmarked for collections management and digitization of the Gallery’s Asian, European, Mesoamerican, Native American and African collections.

The two-year project will include research and documentation for 250 major works, the addition of 1,525 images to the collections database and website, the development of educational materials geared toward the school curricula of upstate New York, and the utilization of new technology to provide educator and public access to the Gallery’s educational materials.

The nation’s largest federal funding program for museums, IMLS this year selected 177 institutions of all types—from art to zoo—to share nearly $17 million Museums for America awards. Four hundred forty-eight museums nationwide—urban and rural, large and small—competed for the awards, requesting over $41.7 million. The recipients will match the federal funds with an additional $29,774,193.

Twenty-five grants went to museums in New York State. In Rochester, the Strong Museum also received an award. Ibery Council of the MAG in honor of Director Grant Holcomb’s 20 years of service. Additional support is provided by the Henry Luce Foundation, the Herbert W. Vanden Brul Fund, the Thomas and Marion Hawks Memorial Fund, the Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and by gifts in memory of Florence Macomber, Eleanor McQuilkin and Eleanor Searl. In-kind support is provided by Monroe Litho. It is dedicated to Holcomb and to the memory of two women who were instrumental in building the collection—Gertrude Herdle Moore (director 1922–1962) and Isabel Herdle (chief curator 1932–1972).

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