

# VISITORS GUIDE

## GROUP VISITS PROGRAM: SELF-GUIDED TOUR

**W**elcome to The Bronx Museum of the Arts! You have chosen to explore our exhibitions on your own or with a small group. Please review the information below in preparation for your visit. To help you navigate the Museum, we have also designed self-guided tour guidelines to ensure that you have a positive experience.

We welcome you to ask questions. During your tour our staff in the lobby and galleries are happy to address any questions about the artwork or the Museum. If they are unable to answer your question, they will direct it to the appropriate staff member. Please enjoy your visit!

### **Self-Guided Tour Group Sizes**

Self-Guided Tours are capped at 10 people (including chaperones). We can accommodate up to 2 Self-Guided tours/ 20 people per timeslot. If your group includes 11-20 people, please divide your group accordingly before proceeding with your visit. You may not tour the Museum as one large group to prevent overcrowding in the galleries.

### **Chaperones**

The Museum requires 1 adult chaperone per 10 children (ages 17 and younger/ 12th grade and below). Teachers, group leaders, and chaperones must accompany their groups during the entire tour and are responsible for the behavior of their children at all times.

### **Arrival Time**

Upon arrival, check-in at the front desk. Please arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled tour time to ensure we can accommodate you. Groups arriving more than 15 minutes in advance may be asked to wait before entering the galleries.

### **Bag Policy**

Bag check is unavailable at the Museum. We recommend that you leave large bags/backpacks at home/school. In the galleries all bags, including backpacks, must be carried at waist-level.

### **Café**

Located on the main floor of the Museum, the XM Cafe is a pleasant place to have a quick lunch or a relaxing cappuccino. Tour groups are welcome to bring their own food/ beverages to dine at the café. Seating is available for 25 people and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **Accessibility**

The Bronx Museum of the Arts is dedicated to providing all visitors access to its contemporary art collection and exhibitions. All public areas of the Museum, including galleries and restrooms, are wheelchair accessible. Wheelchairs are available free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis and are located in the lobby of the North Wing. Elevators also provide access to all floors and exhibits.

On the day of your visit, please abide by the following guidelines.

## Why We Ask You Not to Touch

Since we experience the world through our senses, touching seems natural. The oils and acids on our skin, however, are harmful to works of art. In time, repeated touching will damage the surface & alter the colors of the works. The artworks in the Museum are part of everyone's artistic legacy. They are unique, fragile, and irreplaceable. Please help to preserve the collections for the benefit of future generations.



*\*Please leave your stroller at the front desk in the lobby before entering the galleries.*

## Be aware of your surroundings.

Please do not run in the galleries, and maintain a safe distance - at least an arm's length away - from the artwork. Some exhibitions are untraditionally displayed and require our visitors to be mindful of their surroundings. This includes checking for artwork that may be displayed on the floor or behind you and carrying your bag/backpack at waist-level to avoid accidental damage.

## Please honor any requests our security staff may make.

Their job is to keep our visitors and artwork safe!

## Children must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.

Adults, please hold your child's hand in the galleries and remind children not to touch the art or run in the Museum for their own safety. For tour groups, we require 1 adult chaperone per 10 children (ages 18 and younger). Teachers, chaperones, and group leaders should accompany their group during the entire tour. Please keep your group together and support Museum staff by respecting the guidelines.

