

Fact Sheet

Project Description	The first stand-alone museum building for the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University and a cornerstone for the arts at Duke and in the region.
Groundbreaking	January 2003
Public Opening	October 2, 2005
Location	2001 Campus Drive, at Anderson Street and Duke University Road. The museum is situated between the university's East and West campuses and is adjacent to the Sarah P. Duke Gardens.
Design	Five pavilions are arranged in the landscape to take advantage of the natural contours and open meadows of the site, reinforcing the seamless transition from interior to exterior. Arranged in a radial pattern, the pavilions define an irregular, pentagonal central courtyard, which is covered by a light canopy of glass and steel. Full-height glass walls and a green slate floor connect the pavilions and further blur the division between building and nature.
Site	9 acres
Project Cost	\$24 million
Design Architect	Rafael Viñoly
Building Size	65,000 square feet
Total Gallery Space:	14,000 square feet
Pavilion I	4,600 square feet
Pavilion II	3,600 square feet
Pavilion III	5,700 square feet
Mary D.B.T. Semans Grand Hall	13,000 square feet
Building Materials	Precast concrete, glass, green slate, oak and beech wood

Building Facilities

Five pavilions house:

- three large gallery spaces
- 173-seat auditorium
- administrative offices
- university and community classrooms
- museum shop
- 64-seat café with indoor and outdoor seating

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Galleries Three galleries are rectangular boxes, each a different size, allowing flexibility in the arrangement of artworks. Controlled natural light and floating art walls soften the angles and create intimate spaces. On three sides of each gallery, concealed clerestories in a ceiling cove allow natural light to filter down between box beams spaced eight feet apart.

Landscape Architect Lappas and Havener, Durham, N.C.

Permanent Collection The museum holds more than 13,000 works of art, notably the Brummer Collection of Medieval and Renaissance Art, the George Harley Memorial Collection of African Art, a classical collection and more than 3,000 works of ancient American art.

Former Name The Nasher Museum of Art, formerly known as the Duke University Museum of Art, was housed inside a former science building on East Campus. Founded in 1969, the museum closed to the public in May 2004.

Director Kimerly Rorschach, the Mary D.B.T. and James H. Semans director

Financing The Nasher Museum of Art has raised \$19 million toward the \$23 million project.

Major Donor The museum's namesake is Raymond D. Nasher, an internationally prominent art collector, philanthropist and real estate developer who graduated from Duke in 1943.

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