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PRESS RELEASE

THE WHITNEY MUSEUM EXPANDS ACCESS THIS SUMMER WITH A SEVEN-DAY-A-WEEK SCHEDULE!



New York, NY, June 2, 2026 — This summer, the Whitney Museum of American Art is making it easier than ever to experience art in New York City. Beginning June 16 and continuing through August 18, the Museum will be open seven days a week, giving visitors expanded opportunities to explore exhibitions, enjoy public programs, and connect with contemporary culture during one of the City's busiest travel seasons. Located in the heart of the Meatpacking District, the Whitney serves as a premier destination for both New Yorkers and visitors from around the world.

The extended schedule coincides with an exciting summer at the Museum, including [Whitney Biennial 2026](#), the longest-running survey of contemporary art in the United States, alongside exhibitions drawn from the Whitney's permanent collection. Visitors can discover works by iconic artists including Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, and Jean-Michel Basquiat, while also enjoying outdoor terraces with panoramic views of the Hudson River and Manhattan skyline. Throughout the summer, the Museum will offer an array of free programs, tours, artmaking activities, music, and special events designed to welcome audiences of all ages.

As New York welcomes visitors from across the globe, the Whitney's seven-day schedule underscores its commitment to accessibility and audience engagement. From [Free Friday](#)

[Nights](#) and [Free Second Sundays](#) to free admission for all visitors [25 and under](#), the Museum offers multiple ways to experience art, culture, and community. We look forward to welcoming you to the Whitney this summer. For more information, visit whitney.org.

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ABOUT THE WHITNEY

The Whitney Museum of American Art, founded in 1930 by the artist and philanthropist Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney (1875–1942), houses the foremost collection of American art from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Mrs. Whitney, an early and ardent supporter of modern American art, nurtured groundbreaking artists when audiences were still largely preoccupied with the Old Masters. From her vision arose the Whitney Museum of American Art, which has been championing the most innovative art of the United States for ninety years. The core of the Whitney’s mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit American art of our time and serve a wide variety of audiences in celebration of the complexity and diversity of art and culture in the United States. Through this mission and a steadfast commitment to artists, the Whitney has long been a powerful force in support of modern and contemporary art and continues to help define what is innovative and influential in American art today.

Whitney Museum Land Acknowledgment

The Whitney is located in Lenapehoking, the ancestral homeland of the Lenape. The name Manhattan comes from their word Mannahatta, meaning “island of many hills.” The Museum’s current site is close to land that was a Lenape fishing and planting site called Sapponckanikan (“tobacco field”). The Whitney acknowledges the displacement of this region’s original inhabitants and the Lenape diaspora that exists today.

As a museum of American art in a city with vital and diverse communities of Indigenous people, the Whitney recognizes the historical exclusion of Indigenous artists from its collection and program. The Museum is committed to addressing these erasures and honoring the perspectives of Indigenous artists and communities as we work for a more equitable future. To read more about the Museum’s Land Acknowledgment, [visit the Museum’s website](#).

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Whitney Museum of American Art is located at 99 Gansevoort Street between Washington and West Streets, New York City. Public hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10:30 am–6 pm; Friday, 10:30 am–10 pm; and Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 am–6 pm. Closed Tuesday. Visitors twenty-five years and under and Whitney members: FREE. The Museum offers FREE admission and special programming for visitors of all ages every Friday evening from 5–10 pm and on the second Sunday of every month.

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