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Brief History

In 1968, Mrs. Matilda Laumeier bequeathed the first 72 acres of the future Laumeier Sculpture Park, together with a large story-and-a-half house of cut stone, to the people of St. Louis County in memory of her husband, Henry H. Laumeier, for the benefit of the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. In 1975, the recently opened County Park was proposed as a possible site for the exhibition of sculpture and the concept of today's Laumeier emerged. Laumeier Sculpture Park first opened to the public in 1976. Catapulted by a collaborative group of citizen leaders in the arts, education and business communities, Laumeier Sculpture Park, 501(c)(3), was incorporated in September 1977. Laumeier Sculpture Park today has over 300,000 visitors annually.

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, Laumeier Sculpture Park is an institution of international significance. The Park is one of a handful of open-air museums around the world and a unique compliment to the cultural landscape of the St. Louis region. Laumeier provides high-quality learning experiences for the greater St. Louis community and for visitors from all over the world. The many changing exhibitions, concerts, educational programs, lectures and special events developed at Laumeier Sculpture Park for all to enjoy support the mission of the museum.

Hours

Laumeier Sculpture Park is open every day from 8 a.m. until ½ hour past sunset, closed Christmas day. The indoor galleries and gift shop fall/winter hours are Wednesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., except legal holidays.

Admission to Laumeier Sculpture Park is free. There are nominal admission charges for some special events.

Exhibition Program and Outdoor Sculpture Collection

Laumeier Sculpture Park presents a series of rotating exhibitions each year featuring indoor and/or outdoor installations. Works of art by Robert Morris, Robert Chambers, Mark di Suvero, Alison Saar, Judith Shea, Alexander Liberman, Sol LeWitt, Niki de Saint Phalle and others can be experienced throughout the site. The collection of site-specific sculpture includes installations by Vito Acconci, Beverly Pepper, Richard Fleischner, Mary Miss, Jene Highstein, Jackie Ferrara and Ian Hamilton Finlay, among others.

The museum primarily collects monumental and site-specific contemporary sculpture as its main focus as well as related smaller works in a variety of media by artists presented at Laumeier. *The Maquettes for the Blind* program opens the outdoor collection of art to sight-impaired guests by providing interpretive text in Braille together with small-scale, hands-on, models of featured works.

Tours

Docent-guided walking tours for groups are available at a cost of \$3 per person, or \$35 per group of 12 or fewer, and must be reserved at least three weeks in advance. Tours can be tailored to fit specific group needs and interests. Golf cart tours for groups up to 30 are also available with advance notice and with an at-cost rental fee for golf carts, and must be reserved at least three weeks in advance.

Free public tours leave from Laumeier's Gift Shop at 2 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month, May through October. For tour information and reservations, call 314-615-5267, or email education@laumeier.org.

The Laumeier Gift Shop's fall/winter hours are Wednesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from noon to 5 p.m.; except on legal holidays. The gift shop features specialty crafts, postcards, jewelry and more. Laumeier welcomes your dogs – on a leash please.

Educational Programs

Classes are offered for children and adults and vary in content from book arts, printmaking and drawing to wheel throwing, textiles and ceramics. Studio workshops for children and adults are offered throughout the year. Art Camp is a multi-disciplinary summer art program for children ages 4-15. Sessions begin in June and run until August.

Teaching aids in the form of slide kits, CDs and a video are available in the Gift Shop. Three sets are available for loan or purchase. Teacher workshops are offered to help instructors to incorporate aspects of Laumeier Sculpture Park into their curriculum. Classroom outreach programs consist of in-class presentations about Laumeier and the works of art on view. A three-month advance reservation is required for in-class presentations; follow-up visits to Laumeier are encouraged in connection with this program. For more information on educational programming, please call 314-615-5269 or email education@laumeier.org.

Disabled Access

Laumeier Sculpture Park's indoor galleries and paved trails are wheelchair accessible.

Special Events

Laumeier organizes creative, popular events drawing high attendance figures each year. Among the most popular in recent years is the annual Art Fair at Laumeier on Mother's Day weekend and Music + Movies at LOMA (Laumeier Outdoor Music Amphitheatre) in the summer.

Facility Rental

Areas of Laumeier Sculpture Park are available for rental for special events and meetings. Please call 314-615-5271 or e-mail info@laumeier.org for more information.