

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS ST. PETE

The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg Receives Highest National Recognition, Awarded Re-Accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums

St. Petersburg, FL – December 17, 2025 – The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg (MFA) has once again achieved accreditation by the **American Alliance of Museums (AAM)**, the highest national recognition afforded to U.S. museums. This distinction places the MFA among the most elite cultural institutions nationwide.

AAM Accreditation is the field’s gold standard, signifying excellence and adherence to professional institutional standards within the museum community. This rigorous process assures governments, funders, and the public that the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg operates with the utmost commitment to public trust, educational service, and professional responsibility.

“Re-accreditation is a meaningful affirmation of our museum’s values,” said **Klaudio Rodríguez, Executive Director & CEO of the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg**. “This rigorous process challenged us to evaluate our work with clarity and purpose, strengthening how we steward collections, serve our community, and support our staff. It reflects the dedication of our entire team and Board of Trustees, whose commitment ensures that the MFA remains a trusted civic and cultural anchor for St. Petersburg and beyond.”

The AAM accreditation program promotes practices that enable leaders to make informed decisions, allocate resources wisely, and remain financially and ethically accountable. The process involves a comprehensive year of self-study and an intensive site visit by a team of peer reviewers before being reviewed by the independent Accreditation Commission. To maintain this status, accredited museums must successfully undergo a reaccreditation review at least every 10 years.

Of the nation’s estimated **33,000 museums**, roughly **1,100 are currently accredited**—meaning only about **3%** of all U.S. museums meet this high bar. The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg is proud to be one of only **59 museums** accredited in Florida.

“Accreditation is a monumental achievement,” said **Marilyn Jackson, AAM President & CEO**. “The process demonstrates an institution’s commitment to best practice and is flexible enough to be accomplished by museums of any size.”

About the Museum of Fine Arts St. Petersburg

The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg (MFA) has an encyclopedic collection of art from around the globe and across the centuries, with almost 5,000 years of civilization represented in thousands of objects extending from antiquity to the present. The collection includes works by Georgia O’Keefe, Claude Monet, Berthe Morisot, Auguste Rodin, Kehinde Wiley, Jacob Lawrence, and many others, as well as ancient Greek and Roman, Asian, African, Art of the Americas, and Native American art. The museum’s photographic collection is one of the largest and most well-respected in the Southeast. The museum’s rotating exhibition galleries feature a diverse selection of temporary exhibitions from all over the world, as well as exhibitions curated from the museum’s extensive collection. In addition to its robust exhibition program, the MFA engages the community through exciting public programs and events and serves students through youth programs and a partnership with the Pinellas County School System.

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About the American Alliance of Museums

The American Alliance of Museums (AAM) is the only organization representing the entire museum field, from art and history museums to science centers and zoos. Since 1906, we have been championing museums through advocacy and providing museum professionals with the resources, knowledge, inspiration, and connections they need to move the field forward. For more information, visit **aam-us.org**.