

A little about the Norton Museum:

The Norton Museum of Art was founded in 1941 by Ralph Hubbard Norton (1875-1953) and his wife Elizabeth Calhoun Norton (1881-1947). Norton was an industrialist who headed the Acme Steel Company in Chicago. He and his wife began collecting to decorate their home, but then he became interested in art for Beaches. They contemplated what to do with their art collection and eventually decided to fund their own museum in West Palm Beach, to give South Florida its first such institution.

The Museum's permanent collection now consists of more than 8,200 works in five curatorial departments: European, American, Chinese, Contemporary and Photography.

In 2011, the Norton launched Recognition of Art by Women (RAW), an annual exhibition series that celebrates the contributions of living female painters and sculptors with solo exhibitions.

In 2012, the Norton instituted the Rudin Prize for Emerging Photographers, a biennial international award for those on the leading edge of the field who have not received a solo museum exhibition.

In 2013, with Florida's population dramatically increasing and with Norton Trustees seeing the need for more exhibition and education space, the Board decided to embark on a bold, visionary Museum expansion. The transformed Museum opened on Feb. 9, 2019, featuring the Kenneth C. Griffin Building, which includes 12,000 square feet of new gallery space; expanded classroom space; a larger student exhibition space; a state-of-the-art 210 seat auditorium; a new store and restaurant; and a Great Hall serving as the Museum's "living room." The expansion also includes a lawn for outdoor programming, or relaxing, and a sculpture garden. The project also included the renovation of six Museum-owned, 1920s era cottages to house an artist-in-residence program, and the Museum Director's home. All to better serve the art and the community.

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