



# Expansion Fact Sheet

## Quick Facts

To better serve the Charlotte community, The Mint Museums are planning a center city expansion while maintaining the following collections at the Randolph Road location:

- **CERAMICS**
- **HISTORIC COSTUME**
- **PRE-COLUMBIAN**
- **ASIAN**
- **COINS & CURRENCY**  
*from the original US Mint*
- **DECORATIVE ARTS**
- **SPANISH COLONIAL**

The new facility will house:

- **CRAFT + DESIGN**
- **FINE ARTS**
  - **American**  
*Most notably the work of Romare Bearden*
  - **Contemporary**
  - **African American**
  - **African**
  - **European**

*Mint Museum of Art*  
2730 Randolph Road  
Charlotte, NC 28207

*Mint Museum of Craft + Design*  
220 N. Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

*General Museum Information*  
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*Mission: The Mint Museums are unique gathering places for people to experience art through significant and varied collections, engaging exhibitions and innovative educational programming.*

There are some dramatic changes occurring in the cultural community today; here are some facts.

- **The Mint Museum of Art will maintain its current location on Randolph Road.** The collections to remain will be: Ceramics; Historic Costume; Pre-Columbian; Asian; Coins & Currency; Decorative Arts; and Spanish Colonial.
- The expansion is in the center city and includes a new facility. The current Craft + Design building will be purchased by Bank of America and the MMC+D will move to the new facility.
- The Mint Museums will have a dynamic presence in the Wachovia South Tryon project that includes high-level condominiums, retail establishments and an office complex. Also included in the cultural plaza will be the Bechtler Museum, the Afro-American Cultural Center and the 1,200 seat theater managed by the Performing Arts Center with the North Carolina Dance Theatre as a primary tenant.
- The expansion will benefit the entire Charlotte community. The new facility will provide the physical space the Mint needs to display its growing collections, stage larger special exhibitions, and increase its public programs, outreach and educational services.
- The new facility will be located a block from the Charlotte Convention Center, providing an opportunity for additional attendance. Last year, more than 340,000 people attended events at the Charlotte Convention Center. The new facility will also benefit from visitation for cultural tourism and business travelers.
- The new facility for The Mint Museums will encompass +/- 145,000 square feet and will host major traveling exhibitions including some that our facilities do not support currently.
- The new facility will enhance our ability to attract new donations of art collections. We are planning a collections campaign to capitalize upon the cultivation efforts that have been underway, in some cases for many years. We will be approaching these collectors in all of our major artistic focus areas to support this campaign since we will now be able to address the major concerns of our collectors: Do the Museums have the space to exhibit the art and the space to properly store and preserve the art? It should be noted that The Mint Museums have already experienced great success in building the community's collection, having added art valued at over \$12 million in the past six years.
- Charlotte is the 21<sup>st</sup> largest city in the United States with a population of 632,760.
- The Mint Museums currently rank 78<sup>th</sup> among 155 accredited museums surveyed by the Association of Art Museum Directors in terms of gross square footage. The new plan will move the Mint to 35<sup>th</sup> place

Museums at this level include:

*Portland Museum of Art*  
*Walters Art Museum*  
*Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art*  
*New Orleans Museum of Art*  
*San Francisco Museum of Modern Art*

- In terms of exhibition space, the Mint ranks 62<sup>nd</sup> in the survey and the new plan will move the Mint to 38<sup>th</sup> place.
- The increase in Education Space will move the Mint from 82<sup>nd</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup> place
- The increase in Storage Space will move the Mint from 76<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> place
- The increase in Library Space will move the Mint from 64<sup>th</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup> place

- The architectural design of this new facility will make a significant architectural statement while maintaining the distinct identity of Craft + Design through an entrance, signage and gallery space.
- The experience of visitors and members will be upgraded through new and enhanced spaces such as a café, auditorium, education facilities, library access, museum shop, reception areas, coat room, and a rooftop terrace with indoor dining and reception area capabilities that will provide an exciting view across to the Green and up and down Tryon Street.

## Background

*The Mint Museums are growing. The Museums' newest move, through both its exhibitions and its architecture, will contribute a building that will enhance center city Charlotte, transform the museum experience and provide space to collect and exhibit cultural treasures.*

The Mint Museum of Art is housed in what served as the first branch of the U.S. Mint from 1837 through 1861. Before it was dismantled and moved to its present site in 1933, the Greek revival building served as a Confederate hospital, an assay office and a federal courthouse. The museum opened as North Carolina's first art museum in 1936 and has undergone major expansions in 1967 and 1985.

The Mint Museum of Craft + Design opened in January of 1999 at 220 N. Tryon Street and is located in the heart of the Center City Cultural District. The permanent collection features the development of craft, from the utilitarian objects of America's 19<sup>th</sup> century rural economy to the contemporary art that studio craft is considered today.

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### *Mint Museum of Art*

Tues 10am-10pm  
Wed-Sat 10am-5pm  
Sun 12-5pm

### *Mint Museum of Craft + Design*

Tues-Sat 10am-5pm  
Third Thurs 10am-8pm  
Sun 12-5pm

### *Admission*

Members	Free
Adults	\$6
Seniors (62+)	\$5
College Students	\$5
Students (6-17)	\$3
5 and younger	Free

NOTE: Admission to the Mint Museum of Art is free on Tuesday from 5-10pm. Admission to the Mint Museum of Craft + Design is free on Tuesday from 10am-2pm and on the third Thursday of the month from 5-8pm.

### *Membership*

Membership benefits are valid at both the Mint Museum of Art and the Mint Museum of Craft + Design. For details, call the membership office at 704/337-2011.