

# Norton Simon Museum For Immediate Release

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## Norton Simon Museum to Reopen May 20, 2021 Members Enjoy Preview Days May 15-17, 2021

**Pasadena, CA**—The Norton Simon Museum is pleased to announce its reopening following a closure period of more than a year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Beginning Thursday, May 20, 2021, the general public can visit the Museum's main level galleries and garden. Museum members will enjoy special preview days from Saturday, May 15 through Monday, May 17, 2021. The Museum is strictly adhering to guidelines issued by the City of Pasadena, and has implemented new health and safety protocols to protect staff and visitors. Changes include:

**Temporary Hours:** For the time being, the Norton Simon Museum will be open Thursday through Monday, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. We will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Tickets:** Due to limited capacity restrictions, we strongly encourage visitors to purchase or reserve timed tickets in advance through our website. Tickets for our members-only preview days will be available on our website starting Monday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m. Tickets for the general public will be available starting Tuesday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m. Moving forward, tickets will be released one week prior to each two-week block.

**Covid-19 Protocols & Guidelines:** All visitors (even those who have been vaccinated) must follow our Covid-19 protocols and wear a face mask covering their mouth and nose at all times, and maintain a social distance of at least 6 ft. with people outside their group. Visitors who feel ill or who have had contact with someone with Covid-19 or related symptoms should stay home and reschedule their visit. Frequent hand washing is encouraged and hand sanitation stations will be located throughout the site. Groups of more than six guests are prohibited. The garden paths are one-way (counterclockwise around the pond). We encourage all visitors to review our protocols prior to their visit, as they will be enforced. Details can be found at [nortonsimon.org/visit](http://nortonsimon.org/visit).

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**What else to expect:** At first, only our main level galleries and sculpture garden will be open. Outdoor dining is available in our Garden Café, but our store and theater will remain closed ([online shopping](#) is available and we will soon offer free curbside pickup). All programs and events will remain [virtual](#) at this time. Brochures and audio tours are temporarily suspended. Our coat check is extremely limited and items larger than 11" x 15" should be kept in visitors' cars or left at home.

### **About the Norton Simon Museum**

The Norton Simon Museum is known around the world as one of the most remarkable private art collections ever assembled. Over a 35-year period, industrialist Norton Simon (1907–1993) amassed an astonishing collection of European art from the Renaissance to the 20th century, and a stellar collection of South and Southeast Asian art spanning 2,000 years. Modern and Contemporary Art from Europe and the United States, acquired by the former Pasadena Art Museum, also occupies an important place in the Museum's collections. The Museum houses more than 12,000 objects, roughly 1,000 of which are on view in the galleries and gardens. Two temporary exhibition spaces feature rotating installations of artworks not on permanent display.

**Location:** The Norton Simon Museum is located at 411 W. Colorado Blvd. at Orange Grove Boulevard in Pasadena, Calif., at the intersection of the Foothill (210) and Ventura (134) freeways. For general Museum information, please call (626) 449-6840 or visit [nortonsimon.org](http://nortonsimon.org).

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