

National Museum of African Art: Gallery Guidelines

PLEASE HELP US PRESERVE THESE ARTWORKS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

- **Please don't touch the works of art.**

- The salts and oils naturally produced on your hands are damaging to artwork, even sculpture and furniture.

- **Eating, drinking and smoking are strictly prohibited** except in designated areas.

- Bottled water may be carried in the museum, but must remain firmly capped at all times.

- No smoking is allowed inside the building and smoking is also prohibited within 25 feet of the museum entrances.

- **Please be mindful with any hand-carried items.** Any bag, backpack, or other hand-carried items pose a hazard to the artwork and to our visitors. At the Security Officer's discretion, such items cannot be taken into the galleries.

- Nothing may be carried on your back; please readjust backpacks, bags and purses to be held in front of the body.

- Large suitcases and full length umbrellas are not allowed.

PLEASE SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR FELLOW VISITORS

- Please limit the use of cellular phones in the galleries, unless using them for a cell phone tour of an exhibition.

- Children should be carefully supervised throughout the museum. Running and horseplay endanger the safety of both the artworks and other visitors.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Handheld photography and video for personal use are permitted in the permanent collection galleries.

- Photography is strictly prohibited in special exhibitions.

- No tripods or monopods are allowed.

- Photography for commercial use must be pre-arranged with the museum's public affairs office.

SKETCHING

- Sketching is not permitted in special exhibitions.

- Sketching is permitted only in permanent collection galleries. Please be extremely careful with your drawing tools; show respect for the artwork and your fellow visitors.

- Dry, non-chalky media only: pencil preferred, wax crayon, conté crayon and erasers are acceptable.

- Drawing boards and sketch pads must be no larger than 18" x 24".

- Loose ink, fountain pens, felt-tipped pens, ballpoint pens, oil crayon, paint (including watercolors), easels/stands and charcoal or pastel in stick form are not allowed.

THANK YOU for your cooperation. Enjoy your visit!

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