

# Weisman Art Museum Opening Gala

**October 01, 2011**

Presented by: Weisman Art Museum

On March 2007, the **Weisman Art Museum** unveiled designs for a major building expansion created by Frank Gehry, the visionary architect of its landmark facility. Since opening in its bold and innovative space in November 1993, WAM has experienced explosive growth and achieved extraordinary visibility. Now it is time to add critically needed space for the museum that will double the size of the galleries for collections and exhibitions, allow for the addition of inventive new programming, and enhance visitor services.

The Weisman's building expansion will add about 8,100 square feet to the museum. It will add a dynamic space for a new program focused on creative collaboration and a collection wing with galleries. The Target Studio for Creative Collaboration, a wing named in honor of the extraordinary leadership gift pledged by the Target Foundation, will house a visionary new program that will link scholars at the University and innovators from the community with students, artists, and designers for collaborations that will inspire new ideas, art, and design. New collection galleries will highlight three major areas of the WAM collection: American modernism, ceramics, and works of art on paper and photography.

On October 1, 2011 the iconic Weisman Art Museum (WAM), perched high above the banks of the Mississippi, will throw open the doors to reveal five new Frank Gehry designed galleries filled with previously unseen treasures, unexpected and surprising new works of art, and innovative new programming. During the week of grand reopening celebrations sponsored, in part, by Gray Plant Mooty many events are planned, bringing together those who love art, education, and our community. WAM's reopening celebration promises to be one of 2011's most memorable events.

**Time:**

6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

**Location:**

Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, MN