

# THE FRICK COLLECTION

## Renovation and Enhancement Project Fact Sheet

Updated November 2023

**Project Description:** Conceived to address pressing institutional and programmatic needs, the renovation and enhancement of The Frick Collection, including the Frick Art Reference Library, is designed by Selldorf Architects with Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners serving as Executive Architect. Honoring the architectural legacy and unique character of the Frick, the project provides unprecedented access to the original 1914 mansion and marks the first comprehensive upgrade to the Frick's facilities since the institution opened to the public nearly ninety years ago, in 1935.

**Opening:** Late 2024

**Total Square Footage:** 196,000 square feet\* (10% increase from previous square footage of 178,000)  
*\*Note that this figure includes new construction and the loss of 9,000 square feet, owing to the elimination of mezzanine level of the library.*

**Project Breakdown:** Repurposed Space: 60,000 square feet  
New Construction: 27,000 square feet

### Project Features and New Amenities:

- **30% more gallery space** for permanent collection display and exhibitions, including:
  - A series of 15 rooms on the second floor of the original residence that are being opened to the public for first time as permanent collection galleries
  - A suite of new special exhibition galleries on the main floor
- **Purpose-built spaces for public programs**, including:
  - A dedicated education center, the first in the Frick's history
  - A new 220-seat, state-of-the art auditorium
- **Improved visitor amenities and accessibility**, including:
  - An expanded reception hall, including a new second level, created by raising the height of the existing 1977 building by approximately 7 feet
  - The Frick's first public café, overlooking the 70th Street Garden
  - Improved circulation, including a public passageway connecting the museum and library
  - New ADA-accessible ramps at the main entrances to the museum and library
  - New and upgraded ADA-accessible elevators in the museum and library
  - Upgraded ADA-accessible restrooms
- **Modernized back-of-house facilities**, including:
  - New, state-of-the-art conservation studios for the museum and library collections

- **Updated infrastructure** to ensure the safety of the Frick’s collection and buildings and improve energy efficiency, including:
  - Upgraded and modernized heating, air conditioning, lighting, and electrical systems
  - Significant improvements to the building’s exterior including skylights, windows, doors, roofing, and waterproofing under the 70th Street Garden
  - Full skylight replacement over the first-floor galleries and Garden Court
  - Sprinkler systems and updated fire alarm and security systems throughout

**Architects:** **Selldorf Architects**, Design Architect  
**Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners**, Executive Architect

**Frick Leadership:** **Ian Wardropper**, Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Director  
**Elizabeth M. Eveillard**, Chair of the Board of Trustees  
**Dr. James S. Reibel**, Chair of the Architecture and Long-Range Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees

**Project Consultants:** **Construction Manager**  
 Sciamé Construction, LLC

**Project Management**  
 The Frick Collection, Capital Projects Team  
 Colliers Project Leaders, Owner’s Representative

**Engineering and Design Consultants**  
 Kohler Ronan, LLC, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Security, and IT Engineering  
 Arup, Façade, Windows & Skylights, and Theatre, Acoustics & AV  
 L’Observatoire International, Lighting Design  
 Loisos+Ubbelohde, Daylighting Design  
 Lynden B. Miller, Garden Designer and Preservationist  
 MPFP, Landscape Design  
 Samuel Anderson Architects, Objects and Book Conservation  
 Jenkins & Huntington, Inc., Vertical Transportation  
 Philip Habib & Associates, Civil Engineering  
 Langan Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering  
 Atelier Ten, Sustainability  
 WSP, LEED Administration  
 Guy Nordenson and Associates, Structural Consultant  
 Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Structural Engineer of Record and Waterproofing  
 Clevenger Frable LaVallee, Inc., Food Service Design  
 Code Consultants, Inc., Code and Accessibility Consulting

**Specialty Consultants**  
 Pentagram, Graphic Design  
 AKRF, Environmental Analysis  
 Grounded Hospitality, Food & Beverage  
 Dharam Consulting, Cost Estimating  
 Radian Inc., Architectural Model Making

Walter B. Melvin Architects, Restoration Architect for the Exterior  
West New York Restoration, Contractor for the Exterior Restoration  
Seibold Security, Security Systems

#### **Gallery Designers and Specialists**

Stephen Saitas Designs, Exhibition Design  
Glasbau Hahn, Casework Design and Fabrication  
Traditional Line, Boucher Room Relocation and Restoration  
EverGreene Architectural Arts, Interior Stone and Decorative Plaster Restoration  
Aurora Lampworks, Inc., Historic Lighting Fixture Restoration  
Steven Weintraub/Art Preservation Services, Daylighting Consultant and Picture Light Design and Fabrication  
Anita Jorgensen Lighting Design, Gallery Lighting  
Stark Carpet, Gallery Carpets

#### **Artisans and Specialty Fabricators**

Manufacture PELLE, Textiles  
Tassinari & Chatel, Textiles  
Passementerie Verrier, Passementerie  
Couture for Homes, Wall and Furniture Upholstery and Window Treatments  
Jean Carrau Decoration, Inc., Decorative Painting  
Bricard Serrurerie d'Art, Architectural Hardware  
P.E. Guerin, Architectural Hardware  
Broome Lampshade, Inc., Lampshades  
Costikyan, Inc., Historic Carpet Reproduction  
Manhattan Shade & Associates, Window Shades  
Seguso, Murano Glass Light Fixtures

#### **Specialty Art Conservators and Installers**

Art Conservation Group, Architectural Sculpture Conservation  
Art Conservation Solutions, Architectural Painting Conservation  
Melanie Brussat, Architectural Stone Conservation  
Soraya Alcalá, Architectural Painting Conservation  
Christine Daulton, Fresco Conservation  
Shelley Greenspan, Textile Conservation  
Giovanni Bucchi, Gilding Conservation  
Susan Buck, Historic Paint Analysis  
Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, Textiles Conservation  
Fine Art Services and Transport (FAST), Art Handling and Installation  
Atelier Fine Art Services, Art Packing and Transportation  
Crozier Fine Arts, Art Packing and Transportation  
Mike Nixon/Odyssey Art Services, Art Rigging and Installation

#### **Professional Services**

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, Land Use Attorney  
Arnold & Porter LLP, Legal Services  
Akerman LLP, Legal Services

**Campaign for the Frick:** \$290 million goal, with \$242 million raised to date  
The *Campaign for the Frick* supports the renovation and enhancement of the Frick's historic buildings as well as the temporary relocation of the Frick's collection and programs to Frick Madison throughout the construction period.

**The Frick's Buildings:** Originally designed by Carrère and Hastings in 1914 as a private home for Henry Clay Frick, the Frick has undergone several changes over the past century, most significantly architect John Russell Pope's 1935 conversion of the family home into a public museum. Pope's expansion and additions nearly doubled the size of the original residence and included the construction of an adjacent nine-story building to house the Frick Art Reference Library. In 1977, the Frick added two seminar rooms to the museum at the basement level (which most recently served as special exhibition galleries), a reception hall, and the 70th Street Garden, designed by Russell Page. The Portico Gallery was created in 2011 by enclosing an existing loggia in the Fifth Avenue Garden.

#### About

**Selldorf Architects:** Founded in New York in 1988 by Annabelle Selldorf, Selldorf Architects creates public and private spaces that manifest a clear and modern sensibility of enduring impact. The firm has particular expertise in creating architecture that enhances the experience of art, having worked internationally on numerous museums, galleries, art foundations, and other cultural projects. Past projects include the Neue Galerie in New York (which, like the Frick, was originally designed in 1914 by Carrère and Hastings); the Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, MA; LUMA Arles, a new center for contemporary art in Southern France; and galleries for David Zwirner and Hauser & Wirth, among others. Recent projects include the expansion of the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego and the National Gallery in London.

#### About

**Beyer Blinder Belle:** Beyer Blinder Belle is acclaimed for revitalizing the facilities of some of America's most iconic public buildings and cultural institutions and is known for their deep experience in restoration. In addition to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., past projects in New York City include The Met Breuer; Cooper-Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum; Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration; Grand Central Terminal; the Empire State Building; New York City Hall; Temple Emanu-El; and the TWA Hotel at JFK International Airport. As Executive Architects for the Frick's renovation and enhancement project, Beyer Blinder Belle is providing technical support and historic preservation expertise to help realize the design plan developed by Selldorf Architects.