2021 ANNUAL REVIEW
Looking back at 2021, I am deeply impressed by the museum’s high level of activity. Our collaboration with the Sage Fashion Collection at the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design—The Art of the Character: Highlights from the Glenn Close Costume Collection—engaged an impressive number of students in its planning and execution. And it was the museum’s highest attended exhibition ever, with one-third of attendees visiting the museum for the first time! At the same time, the exhibition Albrecht Dürer: Apocalypse and other Masterworks from Indiana University Collections featured more than fifty rare and exquisite works from our collection as well as that of the Lilly Library.

Both the Glenn Close and Dürer exhibitions foregrounded the vast wealth and variety of Indiana University’s collections, and demonstrate why this is such a great university. More than just seeing works on a screen, Indiana University students have the opportunity to discover and be inspired by works of art as tangible symbols of human creativity and artistic achievement.

As we continue to focus on engagement with our university community, it is through the lens of our five-year strategic plan, which aims to establish an authentic and lasting culture of DEAI. We have made good progress over the past year, particularly in the areas of technology, audience research, fellowship opportunities, and the diversification of our collection to include more works by women and artists of color. But this is just the beginning. Our staff remains committed to these efforts and I look forward to sharing more with you in the future.

David A. Brenneman
Wilma E. Kelley Director
Museum Revenue

Funds Raised: 21%
- Grants: 9%
- Previous Year Rollover: 1%

University Match Funding on Donor Gifts: 6%

University Funding: 63%

Revenue pays for...

Exhibitions: 12%
- Security & Guest Services: 14%
- Technology: 3%
- Administration: 11%
- Curatorial Research & Conservation: 16%
- Education & Programming: 37%
- Development: 7%

Operating Budget: $4.2M
Fiscal year 2021: July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021
In 2020, the IU Eskenazi Museum of Art launched a strategic plan for achieving an authentic and lasting culture of diversity, equity, access, and inclusion (DEAI). The plan’s thirteen objectives include developing a better understanding of our community and their needs, increasing access to the museum’s collections, creating opportunities for expanded student engagement, and acquiring works by women and artists of color.

Over the past year, we have made steady progress in moving these objectives forward. With an IMLS grant of $138,769, we are training our staff to participate in the development and dissemination of digital tools that will increase our capacity to serve IU students, researchers, and the public. This award also has facilitated an initial phase of audience research, which will help us better connect with our university community and beyond. We have engaged Great Lakes Marketing Research to conduct interviews with IU students, university faculty, community leaders, and pre-K–12 teachers to better understand their perceptions of the museum. And our participation in a national Arts Bridges initiative called COVES will train our staff to interview guests about their experiences in the building.

We have made great strides in our efforts to increase accessibility to our collections. This includes the development of a Progressive Web App, thanks to a grant from the Allen Clowes Whitehill Charitable Foundation, which provides pathways through the galleries for guests who want a deeper dive in the amazing artwork in our collection. We also have continued development on our online collections portal, Collections Online, and our recently launched database on women artists, A Space of Their Own, which is made possible through an endowment from the late Jane Fortune. As we activate the object viewing rooms in the building, we provide expanded access to IU students and the general public, who can learn through direct connection with original works of art.

Providing opportunities for student professional development has been integral to our mission as a teaching museum. In 2021, we began planning a revamped internship program, which will establish two new positions for students from underserved communities. As these students work directly with staff throughout our museum, they will be poised to become the next generation of museum professionals.

Our acquisitions over the past year reflect our goal of collecting more art by women and artists of color. Since 2021, we have added 156 works, including those by contemporary artists like Sedrick Huckaby, Mickalene Thomas, Willie Cole, and Wangechi Mutu. These works of art will both enrich our collection and increase our ability to connect students with powerful visual connections between the past and the present.

This is just the beginning. Our staff is energized by our progress so far, and our work of transforming our museum into one with an authentic and lasting culture of DEAI continues with positive momentum.
Exhibition highlights

In 2021, the museum staged its most well-attended exhibition since 2007, *The Art of the Character: Highlights from the Glenn Close Costume Collection*. A collaboration with the Sage Fashion Collection at the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design, the exhibition exceeded our expectations, attracting 21,642 visitors, many of whom entered our doors for the first time. Our partnership with the Sage Fashion Collection not only offered our staff the opportunity to learn from the stewards of objects different from those in our collection but also provided a wealth of hands-on learning for IU students.

Staging an exhibition is a collaborative process that requires all hands on deck. Everything in *The Art of the Character*—from the platforms and graphic elements to the mannequins and wigs—required a team of museum and Sage Collection staff; university colleagues in marketing, event planning, and fundraising; and IU graduate students in a variety of disciplines. Students in SOAD D272: Intermediate Interior Architecture Design Studio and SOAD F402: Collection Management, Historical Textiles, & Costumes dressed the mannequins and created wigs based on Glenn Close’s iconic characters, learning valuable skills for the presentation of works in an museum exhibition setting.

Learning opportunities extended beyond the museum and the Eskenazi School to include 15 unique courses with a total of 994 students from a wide range of academic programs, including the Kelley School of Business, Nursing, Theatre, the Media School, and intensive freshman courses in natural sciences (chemistry) and arts and humanities.
Another collaboration from last year resulted in the exhibition *Albrecht Dürer: Apocalypse and other Masterworks from Indiana University Collections*. Presented in partnership with IU’s Lilly Library, the exhibition was the first to survey the university’s impressive holdings by an enduring Old Master. It featured engravings, woodcuts, and an etching spanning the length of Dürer’s career, as well as early printed books illustrated by the artist.

The exhibition was curated by Leah Chizek, the museum’s Fess Graduate Assistant in prints, drawings, and photographs. A robust apprenticeship program is at the heart of our mission as a teaching museum. This project offered Leah the opportunity to engage in vigorous research of the university’s collections, while learning how to mount an exhibition through museum-wide collaboration. Such unique, hands-on training prepares the university’s graduate students for a career in museums, and many of our alums have secured positions at institutions around the world.

Left, top: Magnifying glasses in the Albrecht Dürer exhibition offered guests an opportunity to take a closer look.

Left, bottom: Sage Fashion Collection staff dress mannequins in the exhibition featuring works from the Glenn Close Costume Collection.

Below: The Luzetta and Del Newkirk Café and Gift Shop featured original products for *The Art of the Character: Highlights from the Glenn Close Costume Collection* merchandise.

Opposite, top: Acclaimed actor Glenn Close visited *The Art of the Character*, which featured a wide range of costumes from her career on screen.

Guests enjoy works of art in the Albrecht Dürer exhibition.
A gift of fifty-one Baluch textiles, including this Baluch salt bag, both strengthens our collection and diversifies our holdings by adding significant works by a nomadic people of the Eurasian steppe lands. The Baluchi, who lived on both sides of the Iran-Afghanistan border, created textiles that were both functional and beautiful. The donors of these amazing works, Verne and Paula Trinoskey, began acquiring objects in 1978 when Verne bought his first Baluch saddle bags, and Paula’s interest quickly followed. Since then, on trips to Central Asia, Turkey, and Western China, their passion has expanded to other cultures, including Turkmen, Qaraqalpaq, and other Central Asian tribal arts. Both educators and scientists, the Trinoskeys have held seminars and talks to introduce others to the intricacies of design and construction evident in these items, which are an essential part of a disappearing nomadic culture.
Ueno Makoto
Worker, 1995
Color woodblock print on paper
Gift of Grafton and Laura Trout, Eskenazi Museum of Art, Indiana University, 2021.176

Ueno, a self-identified Communist, is best known for his series produced in the 1950s on the effects of the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima during World War II. This print is one of several purchased by Grafton Trout while he was posted to Japan in 1956 and 1957. While many in the military were attracted to Japanese prints, which they purchased at various Post Exchanges (PX), this print and two others by the same artist are unusual choices for an American collector.

Leonardo Drew
American, b. 1961
61P, 2017
Pigmented and printed handmade paper with attached silver core, 26 3/8 × 19 in.
Gift of the Artist, Eskenazi Museum of Art, Indiana University, 2021.96

Leonardo Drew is best known for his installations, both sweeping in scale and nuanced in detail, which transform materials such as cotton, metal, and wood into abstract compositions. Through an intensive, collaborative process with master printers and papermakers at Pace Prints studio in Brooklyn, Drew has translated his sculptural practice into richly detailed prints, including the tree-like composition of this work.
Iban peoples, Borneo

**Woman's Skirt Cloth, Kain Kebat**, possibly early 20th century
Handspun and commercial cotton, 18 ½ x 21 in.

This cloth is a *kain kebat*, a woven textile known for featuring named motifs created through a warp ikat technique that involves a resist-dye approach. Associated with Iban people residing in Borneo, women have worn *kain kebat* to particular settings and ceremonies.

Wood and paint, 66 x 18 x 30 in. Museum purchase with funds provided by Nancy and Bill Hunt, Eskenazi Museum of Art, Indiana University, 2021.9
Guests enjoy costumes worn by actor Glenn Close in The Art of the Character.
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Investment in the museum through leadership and legacy gifts makes it possible for us to activate our newly renovated space, and increase our programming capacity by expanding educational outreach. Some have contributed works of art or provided funds for new acquisitions or conservation of works in our collection. These generous individuals ensure that future generations will have opportunities for engagement with important works of art. Thank you!

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Opposite: Museum hosts Clara Blackwell (left), Noah Toritto (right), and Museum Host and Volunteer Coordinator Keaton Clulow (center) take the lead in presenting museum programs, such as artist talks.
Cover: Costumes from the Glenn Close Costume Collection were featured last year in one of the museum’s most popular exhibitions.

Back cover: Windfall Dancers perform a dance inspired by works in the museum’s collection.