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**The Arts in America's Heartland:
Crystal Bridges & Kansas City**
with Carrie Rebora Barratt



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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

On November 11, 2011, the day the doors opened at the Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, Arkansas, the art world was stunned. Not only was the Museum located in an unexpected place, but it was architecturally elegant and the art contained within was unquestionably of the highest quality. Moshe Safdie, the Israeli/Canadian/American architect, designed the building; Alice Walton, daughter of the founder of Walmart, chose the art. Together, they created a vibrant example of the power of beauty and originality to transform the tried and true into something new. In a similar way, powerful personalities in Kansas City had earlier transformed their city into a renowned destination for art.

Please join me to celebrate the arts on a privileged program to these two remarkable cities, with private curatorial tours and visits to collectors' homes. The state-of-the-art museums we will visit in Missouri and Arkansas provide a compelling argument for the proposition that great American art and architecture are to be found all across the United States, from sea to shining sea.

In Kansas City, accommodations are at The Raphael Hotel, voted one of the best hotels in the world by readers of *Travel & Leisure*—who also named Kansas City the third-best American city for foodies. In Bentonville, we stay at the 21c Museum Hotel, named one of the best hotels in the country by *Condé Nast Traveler* readers.

We hope to welcome you on this exceptional program in America's Heartland.

Sincerely,
Carrie Reborá Barratt
Deputy Director for Collections and Administration
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



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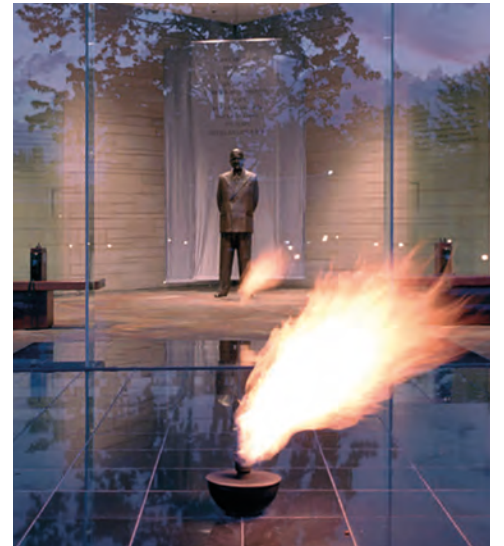
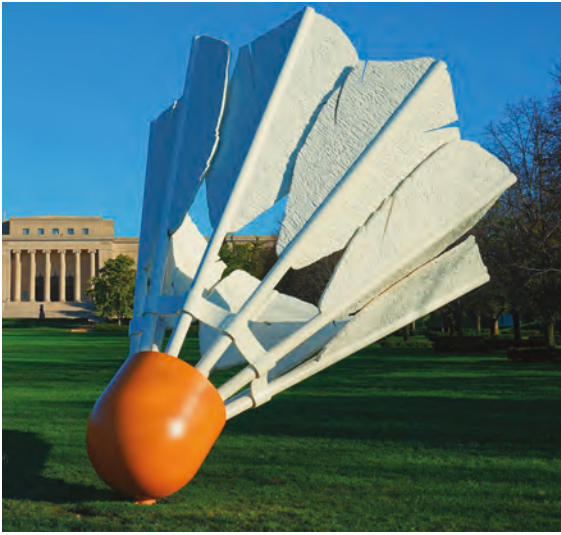
Carrie Reborá Barratt is Deputy Director for Collections and Administration, guiding curatorial, conservation, education, libraries, imaging, and publications at The Met. She created the Digital department, opening access to research on works of art to a wider audience, and devotes her work to visitor experience and rich programming at the Museum. A scholar on American art of the 18th and 19th centuries, she was a curator in the American Wing and produced exhibitions and books on John Singleton Copley, Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Sully, and American portrait miniatures.

Trip Highlights

- Discover the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, designed by Moshe Safdie and situated in the picturesque Ozarks
- Enjoy receptions in collectors' homes to view outstanding private collections
- Tour the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City in the company of a curator
- Walk along the Crystal Bridges Art Trail at sunset to experience James Turrell's site-specific work, *The Way of Color*
- Go backstage at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, also designed by Safdie
- Dine at Kansas City's renowned restaurants



Bloch building, Nelson-Atkins Museum, photo courtesy of Visit KC



Photos clockwise from top right: Nelson-Atkins Museum at night, Kansas City, courtesy of Visit KC; Harry S. Truman Library, Kansas City, photo courtesy of the Truman Library; Installation at Crystal Bridges Museum, Bentonville, courtesy of Arkansas Parks; Thomas Hart Benton House interior, Kansas City, photo courtesy of Missouri Parks; downtown Bentonville; Nelson-Atkins Museum, Kansas City, courtesy of Missouri Tourism. Front cover: Nelson-Atkins Museum, Kansas City, courtesy of Missouri Tourism. Back cover: Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas City, courtesy of Missouri Tourism (top); Crystal Bridges Museum, Bentonville (bottom).

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Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, Kansas City, courtesy of the Truman Library

Kansas City, Missouri

Monday, May 7

Arrive independently in Kansas City and continue to the luxurious Raphael Hotel. Gather for a reception and visit to the Thomas Hart Benton Home, where the renowned painter and writer lived and worked, followed by a festive welcome dinner with the group. R, D

Kansas City

Tuesday, May 8

Depart on a morning excursion to the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, the final resting place of the 33rd President of the United States. At Webster House, a restored Romanesque-style school, enjoy a tour and lunch. In the afternoon, visit the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. This facility was designed by Moshe Safdie, who was also the architect of Crystal Bridges. B, L, D



Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas City

Kansas City

Wednesday, May 9

Begin the day with a curatorial visit to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. There will also be time for individual touring at the Museum before lunch in the cafe. This afternoon, explore the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, known for its collection of emerging and established artists, followed by a visit to a gallery or private collection. Dinner is at leisure. B, L, R



Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, photo courtesy of Visit KC

Kansas City/Bentonville, Arkansas

Thursday, May 10

Following breakfast, drive to Bentonville and the 21c Museum Hotel. Visit the Crystal Bridges Museum, located in a picturesque setting that unites the power of art with the beauty of nature. Lunch is at Eleven, the Museum's restaurant. Walk along the Art Trail to experience James Turrell's *The Way of Color*, and explore the Museum's extensive American art collection. Enjoy a farewell dinner with the group and a local expert. B, L, D

Bentonville/Departure

Friday, May 11

After breakfast, transfer to the airport or remain to enjoy the sites on your own. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.



Medieval gallery, Nelson-Atkins Museum, Kansas City, photo courtesy of the Nelson-Atkins Museum

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Accommodations

The Raphael Hotel, Kansas City

The luxurious Raphael Hotel was voted one of the 2015 T + L 500 World's Best Hotels by readers of *Travel + Leisure*, and also honored with the *Forbes Travel Guide* 2015 Four Star Award. Housed in a significant historic landmark, The Raphael Hotel delivers a unique blend of vintage hospitality and modern service.

21c Museum Hotel, Bentonville

Located in Bentonville town square and a short walk to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, 21c Museum Hotel, Bentonville is a 104-room boutique hotel, contemporary art museum, cultural civic center, and home to The Hive restaurant.



Raphael Hotel, Kansas City



Crystal Bridges Museum, Bentonville, photo courtesy of Arkansas Dept of Parks and Tourism (top) and Colonial to early 19th century art gallery by Timothy Hursley, courtesy of Crystal Bridges Museum (above)



21c Museum Hotel, Bentonville

Program Rate

\$4,999 per person double occupancy
\$899 single supplement

Rate Includes

- Four nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals, house wine at included dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service charges, and portorage

Not included in rate

Airfare; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; trip insurance; luggage in excess of one suitcase; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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Reservation Form

To secure your reservation, please call Arrangements Abroad at 844-TRVLMET (844-878-5638); or complete this form and return it with your deposit of \$1,000 (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees), to be paid by debit card, credit card, wire transfer, or check payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

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