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**Contemporary Craft Museum Launches New Online Store**

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Racine Art Museum (RAM), home to the largest contemporary art collection in the nation, announces the opening of their new online Museum Store. When you visit RAM in downtown Racine, WI, a trip through the Museum Store is an essential part of the experience. This is the place to find beautifully designed and impeccably crafted work by talented artists and craftspeople from across the country and around the world. Now, find these great one-of-a-kind artworks online.

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, Racine is a city with a tradition of supporting art and architecture. It is home to Frank Lloyd Wright's SC Johnson Wax Administration Building, as well as several Wright homes including Wingspread, which was built for the Johnson family. Now, discover Wright-inspired gifts and artwork online at [racineartmuseumstore.org](http://racineartmuseumstore.org).

The Museum Store represents the museum's focus on contemporary crafts in ceramics, fibers, glass, metals, polymer, wood, and works on paper. These include works by Bennett Bean, David Ellsworth, Arline Fisch, John McQueen, Toshiko Takaezu, Elise Winters, and others. In addition, the Store showcases contemporary art jewelers such as Jessica Calderwood, Robert W. Ebendorf, Ford and Forlano, Eleanor Moty, and Cynthia Toops.

"RAM is dedicated to encouraging people to collect artwork, since collecting encourages artists and helps fund the production of new work. The Museum Store closely follows RAM's permanent collection and presents works by some of the same artists on view in the exhibition galleries. We also represent the work of emerging artists that we would like to bring to the attention of the public as particularly noteworthy. The Store carries publications on these artists so the public can learn about the field. In this way, the Store functions as an extension of RAM's education programs," said RAM Executive Director and Curator of Collections Bruce W. Pepich.

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Racine Art Museum is equally committed to exhibiting and collecting artists in depth as well as supporting the livelihoods of the artists who create this remarkable contemporary craft. Moreover, the RAM Store offers discerning buyers the opportunity to purchase beautiful fine works of craft and design online at [racineartmuseumstore.org](http://racineartmuseumstore.org).

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Together, the two campuses of the Racine Art Museum, RAM in downtown Racine at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, seek to elevate the stature of contemporary crafts to that of fine art by exhibiting significant works in craft media with painting, sculpture and photography, while providing outstanding educational art programming.

Docent led contemporary craft and architectural tours of the museums are available. Both campuses of the Racine Art Museum, are open Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, and are closed Mondays, Federal holidays and Easter. RAM is open Sunday Noon – 5:00 pm, while Wustum is closed Sundays. An admission fee of \$7 for adults, with reduced fees for students and seniors, applies at RAM. Admission to Wustum is free. Members are always admitted without charge to either campus.