

# Racine Art Museum: An Inside Look at Portraits



Coming soon to the [Racine Art Museum \(RAM\)](#) is an exhibit that focuses on portraits and what they communicate. Open from Jan. 20 to Sept. 1, this exhibit will feature pieces that are considered an investigation of character, circumstance, and abstract concepts.

A portrait could be defined as a painting, drawing, or photograph that illustrates the likeness of a person. Yet, it is much more than that. Portraits can reveal aspects of a person that can be gleaned from a social and cultural perspective. To draw any insight from a portrait can not only reflect aspects about the subject or artist, but also the consumer, which makes the process of creating and viewing a portrait that much more interesting.

This exhibit aims to engage art consumers on many levels, which can aid them in the understanding of people, places, and time. This takes the idea of a “selfie” to a completely different platform. The portraits on display range from mid-twentieth-century art to pieces that were completed in the last ten years.

There are two campuses of the Racine Art Museum (RAM): one downtown at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, located at 2519 Northwestern Avenue. Docent-led tours of the museums are available. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

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