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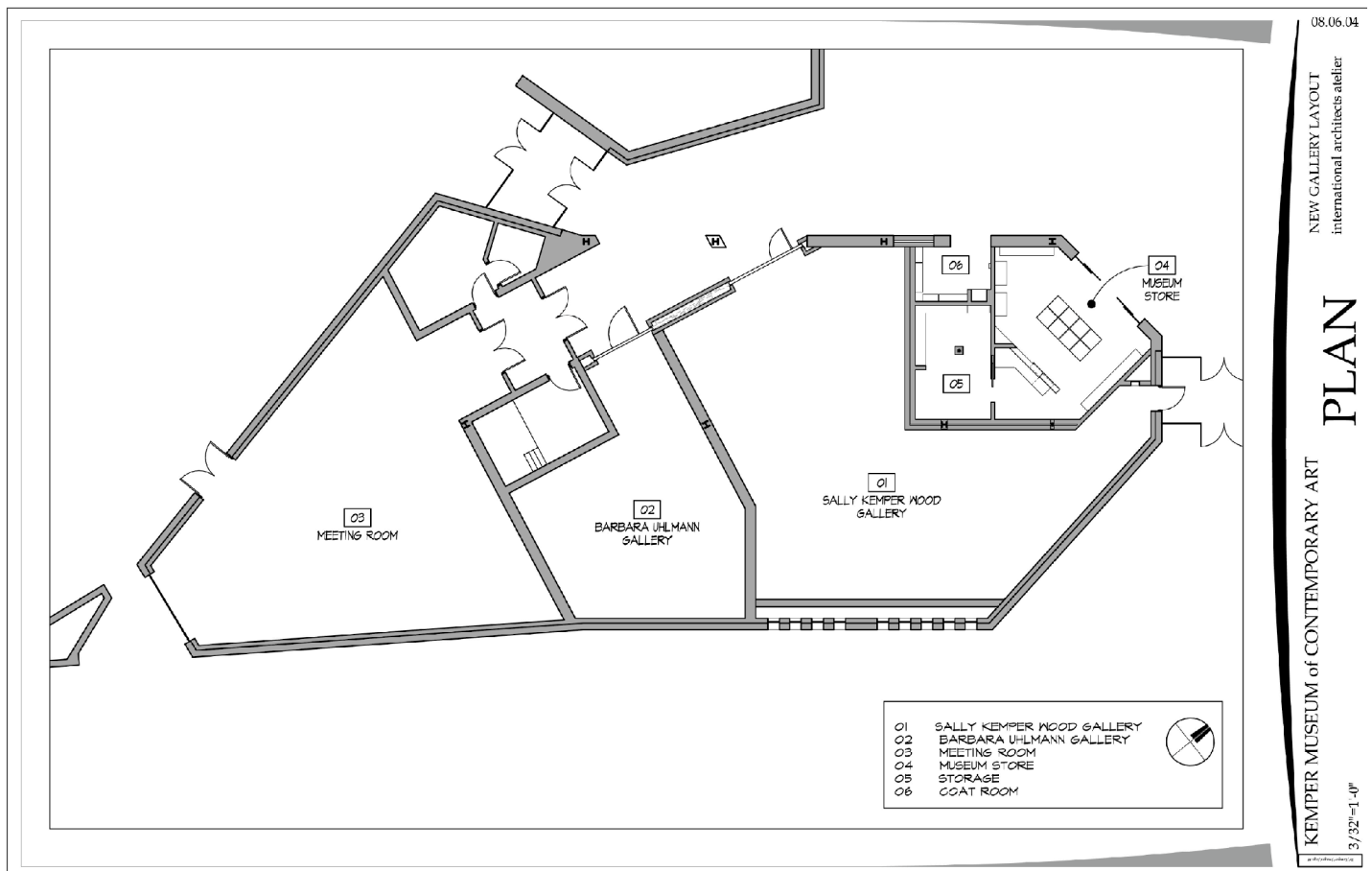
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KEMPER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART BEGINS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR MORE GALLERY SPACE IN MUSEUM

More Art to be on View in October

The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art is putting more art on view in the fall by creating new galleries from spaces that once housed the Museum's administrative offices. The Kemper Museum anticipates opening the new galleries in early October. The Kemper Museum will operate normally during this brief construction phase.

Director Rachael Blackburn Cozad said, "this enables us to get more of our collection on view without changing the footprint of the original Gunnar Birkerts's building." Since the Museum opened in 1994, its permanent collection has more than



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tripled to some 800 works of art. Cozad adds, "our collection has grown tremendously, and this new space furthers our mission to allow for more of our collection to be on view at any time for public enjoyment and study."

Once the galleries are complete, the additional gallery space will measure approximately 1,600 square feet and will be named the Sally Kemper Wood Gallery. The gallery that was once known as the Sally Kemper Wood Gallery will become the Barbara Uhlmann Gallery.

The project also includes more space for the Museum Shop. During construction the Museum Shop has moved to Kemper East, just one block north of the Museum at 200 East 44th Street. Kemper East has expanded its hours to accommodate the Shop. The Shop and Kemper East are open 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Saturday, and 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Sunday during the construction project.

In May, many of the Museum's staff relocated to Kemper East allowing for the transformation of the former offices into gallery space. Kemper East also features exhibition and gallery space, as well as a library.

International Architects Atelier, Inc., and McCown Gordon Construction, LLC, are working on the Museum gallery expansion project. Both companies are based in Kansas City.

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