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## Fact Sheet

### **Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art Marks 10th Anniversary**

#### **About the Kemper Museum**

Kansas City's acclaimed contemporary art museum, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art opened in October 1994 and draws more than 120,000 visitors each year. The Museum boasts a rapidly growing permanent collection of modern and contemporary works of artists from around the world. At the core of the permanent collection is the *Bebe and Crosby Kemper Collection*, a gift by the Museum's donors R. Crosby Kemper and his wife Bebe Kemper, and the Kemper Foundations. The Museum hosts temporary exhibitions, installations, performance work, film and video series, lectures, concerts, children's workshops, and other creative programs designed to both entertain and challenge.

#### **Exhibition**

*The First Ten Years: Conversations with the Collection*  
September 17– November 28, 2004

Celebrating more than one hundred exhibitions at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, this special 10th-anniversary exhibition lauds the heart of the Museum—its permanent collection, which has more than tripled to more than 800 works since the Museum opened in 1994. The collection encompasses art created from the time of the 1913 New York Armory Show to today, by artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Joan Mitchell, Andy Warhol, Wayne Thiebaud, Robert Rauschenberg, Louise Bourgeois, and Bruce Nauman, among many others. Juxtaposing specific works from various periods, this exhibition underscores the formal, thematic, or conceptual connections that works have with one another across time and place.

#### **Catalogue**

The Kemper Museum's first catalogue *Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art: The First Ten Years* about the permanent collection is now available for \$39.95 in the Museum Shop and via [www.kemperart.org](http://www.kemperart.org). Featuring handsome color plates of two hundred works in the Museum's collection, the catalogue also includes a listing of all exhibitions in the past ten years and an essay about the Museum's history by Museum Director Rachael Blackburn Cozad.

#### **Community and Educational Events**

The Museum is bringing ten artists, including Philip Pearlstein, Hung Liu, and architect Gunnar Birkerts, to the Kemper Museum for various free educational opportunities, from public lectures to hands-on workshops. The Museum has also planned two free community celebrations on its actual anniversary date October 2. Children and adults can get creative at *The Power of Ten Birthday Bash*, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 2.

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### Community and Educational Events, continued

Also on October 2, the Museum will host *X-Party: Celebrate Late at the Kemper Museum*, 10:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m. This party for adults will engage the senses with live music and festive performances.

### Tenth Anniversary Gala

To celebrate the Kemper Museum's 10th anniversary, this year's Gala will be bigger and bolder than ever. From 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, October 9, partygoers will savor delicious creations, see the Museum's parking lot tented for the first time, get on the dance floor with the 11-piece band "Atlantic Express," and celebrate this Museum milestone. **Tickets are required, and general tickets cost \$150 per person.** For ticket information, call 816-753-5784. This year's honorary chairman is longtime Museum supporter Julia Irene Kauffman, and Laurie Ingram is the Gala committee chairman.

### Café Sebastienne

The popular Café Sebastienne serves lunch 11:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m., Tuesday–Saturday; brunch 11:00 a.m.–2:30, Sunday; and dinner 5:30–9:30 p.m., Friday–Saturday. Call 816-561-7740 to make reservations. Throughout the year of 2004, Café Sebastienne is featuring "10 for 10!" In addition to our eclectic, boutique wine selections, we are featuring 10 bottles of wine for only \$10.00 each.

### Thank You

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### Hours and Admission

The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art is open 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Thursday; 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Friday–Saturday; and 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sunday. The galleries at Kemper East (200 East 44th Street) are open 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Friday. The Museum and Café are closed on Mondays, and major holidays, including Thanksgiving, November 25. Admission and parking are free.

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