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**Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art Purchases  
Building in Heart of Kansas City's Crossroads Neighborhood**

**Building to be called Kemper at the Crossroads**

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art has purchased a building in downtown Kansas City, Missouri, in the heart of the Crossroads, a neighborhood known for its burgeoning gallery scene. The building at 1901 Baltimore has been for many years the home to the Dolphin Gallery. Since the Museum's board of trustees and staff are still finalizing plans for the building, date of occupancy, hours, etc., have not been set for the Kemper Museum's new space to be called Kemper at the Crossroads.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Museum Founder Crosby Kemper said, "we are pleased to build on the success that Dolphin Gallery's owner John O'Brien championed in the Crossroads, and we look forward to doing new, cutting edge and exciting things there."

Museum Director Rachael Blackburn Cozad said, "we are looking forward to contributing to this vibrant Kansas City neighborhood, and the purchase of additional space will allow us to have more options for the Museum, its permanent collection, its programs, and the community."

The Museum's current buildings—the Gunnar Birkerts-designed Kemper Museum and Kemper East, a 1906 three-story building—are located in the Southmoreland neighborhood next door to the Kansas City Art Institute and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, just northeast of the historic Country Club Plaza.

For more general information about the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, visit [www.kemperart.org](http://www.kemperart.org). For more information about the Crossroads Art District, visit the Crossroads Community Association site at [www.kccrossroads.org](http://www.kccrossroads.org).

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**About the Kemper Museum**

Kansas City's renowned free modern and 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. Permanent collection artists include Louise Bourgeois, Dale Chihuly, Petah Coyne, Nan Goldin, Willem de Kooning, Hung Liu, Morris Louis, Joan Mitchell, Georgia O'Keeffe, Tom Otterness, Jaume Plensa, Matthew Ritchie, and Wayne Thiebaud. 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.

The Museum 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 of Kemper East (200 E. 44th Street) are open 10:00 a.m.–4 p.m., Tuesday–Friday. Café Sebastienne, a four-star restaurant, serves lunch 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday; and dinner 5:30–9:30 p.m., Friday–Saturday. The Museum and Café are closed on Mondays and major holidays.

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