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Note: Digital images of Kemper East, select works on view, and artist Anne Lindberg installing *flock* are available. Please contact Margaret Keough if interested.

**KEMPER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART PUTS MORE ART
ON VIEW BY OPENING KEMPER EAST GALLERIES**

Kemper East Galleries Open 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Friday



Beginning immediately the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art will welcome visitors to its galleries at Kemper East, located at 200 East 44th Street just one block north of the Kemper Museum. The galleries are open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Admission is free.

The increased space for the Museum's permanent collection at Kemper East allows for some fifty works be on view that would otherwise sit in storage. The first changing exhibition at Kemper East, *Defining an American Place*, explores artists' responses to the diversity of the American landscape, from the industrial to the pastoral. The exhibition's 16 works by Ralston Crawford, John Steuart Curry, Rackstraw Downes, Blanche Lazzell, Greg Rose, and others are on view through the fall.

Another highlight of Kemper East is the newly executed sculpture *flock* (2004) by Kansas City-based artist Anne Lindberg. The sculpture, commissioned by the Kemper

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Museum, graces the Weltmer Family Grand Staircase between the first and second floors of Kemper East. The site-specific sculpture is comprised of Lindberg's delicate cattail-like elements that resemble grass or magnified hair follicles.

In addition to the spaces for art at Kemper East, Director Rachael Blackburn Cozad noted, "the new site also has a reference library, boardroom, conference rooms, and beautiful areas available for special events." Kemper East also houses the offices for nine staff members.

Cozad added, "in acquiring and renovating this landmark property—an historic home built in 1906—and with our ongoing efforts to reach out to the community, the Kemper Museum further expands its responsible mission to hold, preserve, and exhibit works of art as a public and educational service, and to provide free educational opportunities to approximately 120,000 visitors annually."

Plans are underway to turn the former office spaces at the signature Gunnar Birkerts-designed building at 4420 Warwick Boulevard into additional gallery space for the permanent collection and exhibitions. The Museum plans to add approximately 1,400 square feet to the Sally Kemper Wood Gallery, the Barbara Uhlmann Gallery, and Museum Shop. Currently, the Sally Kemper Wood Gallery measures 820 square feet, the Barbara Uhlmann Gallery 337 square feet, and the Museum Shop 360 square feet. The renovated galleries in the Kemper Museum should be completed within the next year.

About the Kemper Museum

Kansas City's acclaimed modern and contemporary art museum, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art opened in October 1994. The Museum boasts a rapidly growing permanent collection of modern and contemporary works of artists from around the world. 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. Admission is free.

The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, located at 4420 Warwick Boulevard, 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 popular Café Sebastienne serves lunch 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Tuesday–Saturday; brunch 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Sunday; and dinner 5:30–9:30 p.m., Friday–Saturday. The galleries at Kemper East, 200 East 44th Street, are open 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Friday. The Museum, Café, Museum Shop, and Kemper East galleries are closed on Mondays and January 1, July 4, Thanksgiving, and December 25.

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