

# The Mint Museum re-opens to the public Friday, Feb. 5.

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**Charlotte, N.C. (February 1, 2021)** — After being closed for three weeks to help curb the spread of Covid 19, both locations of The Mint Museum and its stores will re-open to the public on Friday, Feb. 5 with strict safety protocols in place.

All visitors are required to wear masks, and the museum will offer free masks for anyone who'd like to double up on coverage, per new CDC suggestions. Timed ticketing remains in place to ensure the museum stays within occupancy guidelines, and social-distancing signage is in place throughout the galleries.

"We decided to re-open for the benefit of people who adhere to our guidelines and need a safe place to experience art," says Todd A. Herman, PhD, president and CEO of The Mint Museum. "We feel the museum has implemented protocols that create safety measures beyond what one finds in many businesses and public spaces."

Additionally, the city of Charlotte — which owns both Mint buildings — has partnered with locally based Global Plasma Solutions to outfit the Mint with Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization to remove indoor air pollutants and help neutralize Covid-19. The air-purification system removes up to 99 percent of certain airborne viruses, mold, and bacteria, helping promote the health of employees and the visiting public. All precautionary measures and details about museum visitation are viewable on the Mint's [Know Before You Go site](#).

As a thank you to essential and frontline workers, The Mint Museum is offering complimentary admission to health care providers, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, teachers, custodial staff, transit workers, grocery store and restaurant employees, and their immediate family members through June 30, 2021.

Both locations of the Mint will be free to the public on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27-28 for the closing of [In Vivid Color: Pushing the Boundaries of Perception in Contemporary Art](#) and the opening of [W|ALLS: Defend, Divide, and the Divine](#).

Those interested in viewing the Mint from the comfort of their home can still get their art fix on The Mint Museum from Home site, presented by Chase, which offers curator-led virtual gallery tours, create-at-home activities, community conversations and artist Q&As. The Mint's first online exhibition, [Expanding the Pantheon: Women R Beautiful](#) is also available, featuring 26 striking photographs of New York City-based photographer Ruben Natal-San Miguel, who aims to introduce a new range of beauty for our consideration.

The Mint Museum Store also has a newly launched e-commerce site ([store.mintmuseum.org](https://store.mintmuseum.org)), with shipping, curbside pick-up and free gift-wrap options available.

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## The Mint Museum

Established in 1936 as North Carolina's first art museum, The Mint Museum is a leading, innovative cultural institution and museum of international art and design. With two locations — Mint Museum Randolph in the heart of Eastover and Mint Museum Uptown at Levine Center for the Arts — the Mint boasts one of the largest collections in the Southeast and is committed to engaging and inspiring members of the global community.

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