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# VISITOR GUIDE

## STAY TUNED FOR MORE

### visit us ONLINE

Be sure to check out our website for more information on our collections, events, news, and more [nmmusd.org](http://nmmusd.org)

### explore the COLLECTION

View thousands of instruments from the vaults in our online collections portal [emuseum.nmmusd.org](http://emuseum.nmmusd.org)

### become a MEMBER

Members help make our museum possible. Information is available at the front desk, or online on the "Support Us" page.

### check the SOCIAL

Follow us for on our social platforms for more museum content and news!



## WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Welcome to the National Music Museum, America's premier institution for the collection, study, and exhibition of musical instruments and their stories.

Founded in 1973 as "America's Shrine to Music Museum," the mission of the National Music Museum is to explore, enjoy, and preserve the world of musical instruments.

## EXPLORE. ENJOY. PRESERVE.

### A FEW SIMPLE RULES :

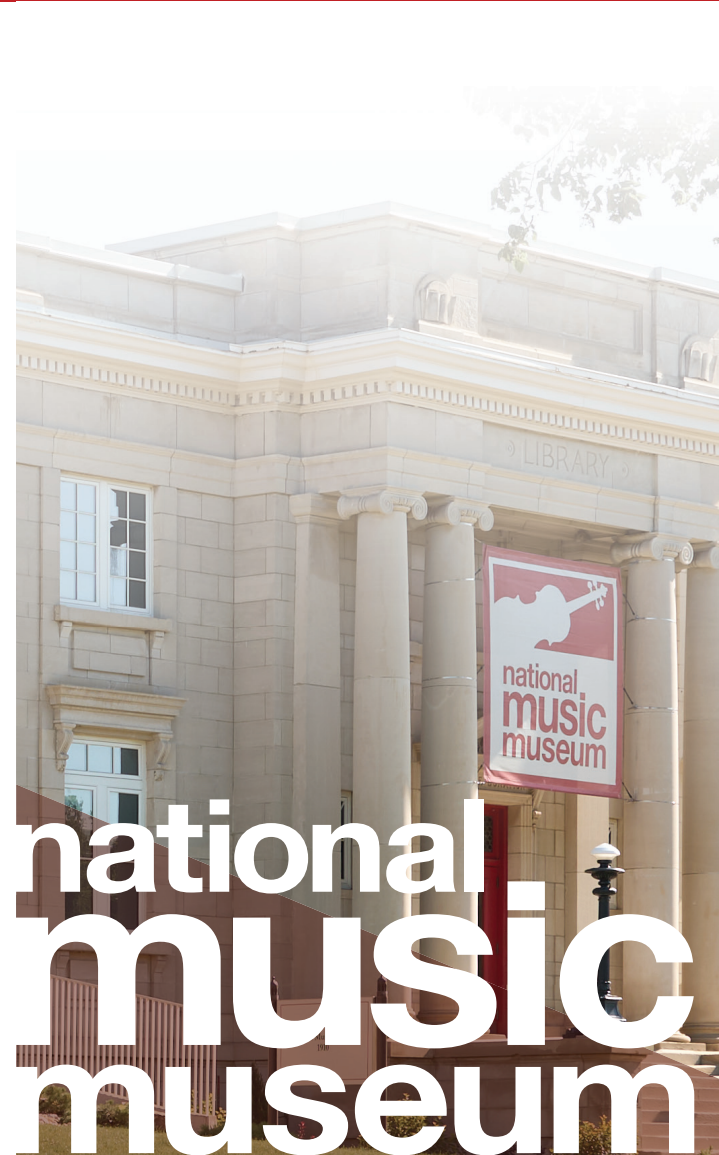
- Take as many pictures as you want, but please no flash!
- Food and drink are delicious, but please keep them out of the galleries!
- We don't like to be touched, and neither do our instruments; please keep your hands to yourself!

### NEED A BREAK? GRAB A SEAT!

Lightweight, portable gallery stools - as well as wheelchairs - are available free for our patrons to use for their comfort and convenience. Ask at the front desk if you'd like more info!

### FAMILY FRIENDLY? YOU BET!

Our galleries are family friendly, feel free to bring your little ones and strollers. We also have a private room available on request for anyone breastfeeding a child.



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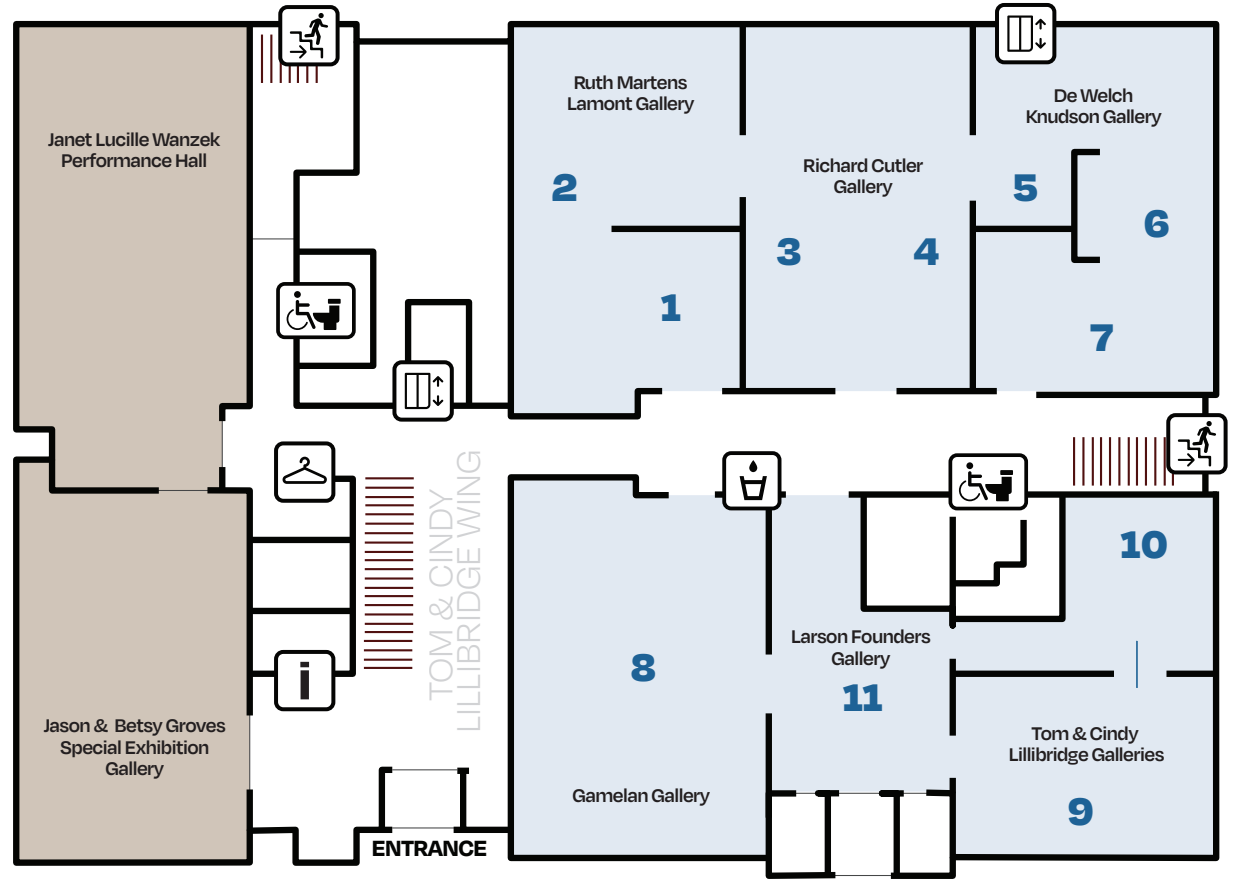
FIRST FLOOR OPEN NOW  
SECOND FLOOR COMING SOON

# 1 INSTRUMENTS IN OUR LIVES

The permanent exhibitions of the NMM currently encompass seven galleries across the main floor.

Explore these galleries through the following topics to experience how musical instruments have influenced the lives of people across cultures and time periods.

- 1** Introduction
- 2** Expression
- 3** Instruments & Spirituality
- 4** Music at Home
- 5** Concert Venues
- 6** International Marketplace
- 7** Arena of Power
- 8** Gamelan
- 9** American Strings
- 10** Instrument Workshops
- 11** The NMM



-  Coat Rack
-  Elevator
-  Emergency Exit
-  Information
-  Restrooms
-  Water Fountain

**CONTENT TRAILS** Look for these symbols throughout the exhibits to see these curated selections weave through music history!



## FAMILY

Something for all ages, discover unique sights and sounds that are a treat for the whole family!



## HIGHLIGHTS

Picking favorites can be pretty tough, but we think these objects are particularly worth a look!



## MUSICIANS

Track down your favorite music makers, and learn about some you've probably never heard of before!