Resilience: That’s been an underlying strength of the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art for more than 30 years.

When the museum opened in June 1989, it fulfilled the dream of businessman and philanthropist Harrison Eiteljorg and other civic leaders: to offer a world-class institution in downtown Indianapolis, celebrating the art, history and cultures of the American West and the Indigenous peoples of North America. The Eiteljorg was — and is — the only museum of its kind in the Midwest. In the early days, some may have wondered whether such a specialized art museum could find an audience in a city better known for motorsports and basketball.

Thanks to the foresight of Mr. Eiteljorg, the museum board of directors, the generous support of the Indianapolis philanthropic community — including the Lilly Endowment Inc. and many others — along with art collectors, patrons and members, the Eiteljorg Museum not only has endured, it has flourished. The museum has grown to be even more relevant to the diverse people of our community and region.

The resilience of the Eiteljorg Museum, the talent of our employees and dedication of our board and volunteers have allowed the museum to pursue its important mission through economic peaks and (continued)

Supporting the Eiteljorg is a sound investment in the future of arts and culture.
troughs for 30-plus years. The Eiteljorg Museum has continued to serve visitors, patrons and artists through challenging times: the aftermath of 9/11, the Great Recession of 2008-09 and other more recent significant events affecting our state and nation. Through our *Eye on the Future* capital campaign, we doubled the size of the building in 2005. And, the museum’s collections have greatly expanded in size, to approximately 9,000 objects.

The Eiteljorg’s commitment for more than 30 years to cultural diversity and encouraging meaningful dialogue means we support those working hard to end racism and racial injustice in our nation. Serving and educating our community through celebrating Native American and Western art is central to the Eiteljorg’s mission, from staging beautiful exhibitions to presenting impactful public programs to acquiring one of the world’s best collections of contemporary Native art. We are especially pleased to be the new home of the rare and historic Richard Pohrt, Jr. collection of Indigenous art from the Great Lakes region — artworks that will be exhibited prominently after the planned reinstallation of our Native American galleries.

When we look back at the museum’s more than three decades of service, we are grateful for strong community support and partnerships, and thankful for longtime friends over the years, many of whom were on hand to share in the museum’s 30th anniversary celebrations in 2019.

Though the uplifting days of 2019 gave way to the harsh economy and difficult circumstances of 2020, the Eiteljorg leadership team and staff are resolute. We are enormously grateful to our donors who have provided financial support, gifted beautiful artworks, or remembered the Eiteljorg in their estate plans. Financial support from foundations, grants, corporations and individuals allows the museum to accomplish its important mission; and donors can be assured their gifts will be used wisely.

We know our longtime supporters receive frequent appeals from many worthwhile organizations that address needs in the community. We understand how volatility in the stock markets and economic uncertainty has caused many potential donors to dial back their charitable giving.

Yet the Eiteljorg’s resilience over three decades is due in part to our thinking and planning long-term. Your support of the Eiteljorg Museum’s mission through a gift of any size is an investment with both immediate and long-term impacts. In this 2019 annual report, titled *Timeless Legacies, Powerful Results*, we make the business case for including the Eiteljorg Museum in your charitable giving strategy and continuing or upgrading your support.

Thank you for being part of the Eiteljorg Museum’s resilience.

John Vanausdall
President and CEO

Mary Beth Braitman
Chair, Board of Directors, 2019

The bronze sculpture *The Greeting* by George Carlson was installed in 1989 to welcome visitors to the new Eiteljorg Museum. The statue was acquired thanks to the generosity of museum founder Harrison Eiteljorg.
The Eiteljorg Museum in 2019 marked its 30th anniversary year with eye-catching exhibitions and relevant public programs that connected with diverse audiences of all ages and backgrounds. The museum’s mission is telling amazing stories of Native America and the American West. Financially supporting the Eiteljorg is a good investment in the future.

For the 10th year, the model train display *Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure* was presented at the Eiteljorg during the 2019-2020 holiday season. Fifth Third Bank was presenting sponsor. A highlight was a model of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway made of all-natural materials, featuring the Grandstands, Pagoda and Goodyear Blimp, along with working slot cars on the track.

*Quest for the West*® artists also created smaller paintings and sculptures that attendees could bid on during the *Quest Miniature Art Sale*, Sept. 6, 2019.
The “Whirlwind of Weavings” installation was part of the Eiteljorg exhibition *A Sense of Beauty*, which ran March 9-Aug. 4, 2019. Image by Hadley Fruits Photography.

The 27th annual Eiteljorg Indian Market and Festival on June 22-23, 2019, brought together more than 100 Native American artists — including Rosabelle Shepherd (Diné (Navajo)) — with thousands of visitors who shopped for their art.

Outstanding artworks are exhibited in *Attitudes: The West in American Art*, in the Eiteljorg's new Western art galleries. Some of the paintings were bequeathed to the Eiteljorg Museum by Kenneth L. “Bud” Adams, businessman, art collector and owner of the NFL Tennessee Titans.

The Eiteljorg kicked off the first day of the 27th annual Indian Market and Festival on June 22, 2019, with the Market Morning Breakfast under The Sails. Artists won awards in several art competition categories.
The Eiteljorg’s meeting rooms hosted many rental events in 2019, including wedding receptions and corporate gatherings. On Feb. 28, 2019, the Eiteljorg’s Clowes Sculpture Court hosted a ceremony where U.S. government officials repatriated 361 Chinese cultural objects to diplomats from China, an event covered by international media.

The 14th annual Quest for the West® Art Show and Sale at the Eiteljorg featured exciting new artworks by today’s top Western artists. The Quest exhibit ran Sept. 8-Oct. 6, 2019.

During the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at White River State Park, Eiteljorg Digital Communications Manager Hyacinth Rucker (left), did a live interview with Tina Cosby of WTLR Radio.

The oval of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway was recreated in all-natural miniature form during the 10th annual Jingle Rails: the Great Western Adventure. Visitors to an event held by AGAVE, the museum’s young professionals’ auxiliary, experienced the IMS scene during the “Bourbon, Jingle and Mingle” event Dec. 5, 2019.

The Eiteljorg partnered with the Latino heritage group Nopal Cultural to organize the Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) Community Celebration, which included an Ofrenda exhibit of altars featuring artwork by Carlos Sosa.

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The holiday model train display Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure, made its 10th annual stop at the Eiteljorg Museum during the 2019-2020 holiday season. Image by Zach Dobson.

In February 2019, Collections Manager Rebekah Ryan, left, and artist Brose Partington, on ladder, install the “Whirlwind of Weavings” installation that was part of the exhibition A Sense of Beauty, which ran March 9-Aug. 4, 2019.

In the Eiteljorg Museum’s collections department, collections assistant Liz Ale examines an Ojibwe beaded vest that is among the Great Lakes Native items the museum acquired in 2019 from art collector Richard Pohrt, Jr. Image by Aaliyah Hunt.

At the 2019 Quest for the West® Art Show and Sale, George Hallmark won the Harrison Eiteljorg Purchase Award for his painting, Sagrado (Sacred).

Monica Raphael (Anishinaabe/Siŋangu Lakota) Nagamo - “She Sings” Indian Market and Festival Harrison Eiteljorg Purchase Award

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A growing collection

In 2019 the Eiteljorg Museum added to its already impressive collections of Native American and Western artworks through key acquisitions, including purchases from artists and gifts from donors. Whether objects are more than a century old or recently created by one of today's artists, these newly acquired works are processed and catalogued by the experienced staff of the museum's Collections Department.

One of the museum's most important acquisitions came in March 2019, when the Eiteljorg purchased more than 400 Native art items from the Great Lakes region collected by Richard Pohrt, Jr. The items include beautiful examples of beadwork, ribbonwork, weavings and carvings from Great Lakes cultures from the late 18th through mid-20th centuries. A $2.83 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. covered the purchase of the Pohrt collection, new storage units, supplies for long-term care, assistance with cataloging, conservation, research and consultation with Native communities. The Great Lakes objects will figure prominently into the planned reinstallation of the museum's Native American art galleries in 2022.

Other important recent works joined the Eiteljorg's collections. During the 2019 Indian Market and Festival, the museum presented the Harrison Eiteljorg Purchase Award to four Native artists for remarkable pieces they created, and it acquired those pieces: *Raising the Sun* by Starr Hardridge (Muscogee Creek Nation), *Nagamo “She Sings”* by Monica Raphael (Anishinaabe/Siúán Lakota), *Blue Birds Rising* by Chholing Taha (Cree First Nations) and *Hope 2020* by Avis Charley (Spirit Lake Dakota/Navajo).

At the 2019 *Quest for the West*® Art Show and Sale, a realist oil painting by George Hallmark, *Sagrado (Sacred)*, won the *Quest* Harrison Eiteljorg Purchase Award presented by the Western Art Society, and it joined the collection.

Under the Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship program, the museum purchased noteworthy works by the 2019 Fellowship artists. Exhibited in the show *Blurring the Line*, the works included a commissioned piece of installation art by Hannah Claus (Bay of Quinte Mohawk), paintings by Matthew Kirk (Navajo), mixed media by Demian DinéYahzi‘ (Diné), mixed media by Dyani White Hawk (Siúán Lakota) and paintings by Invited Artist Rita Letendre (Abenaki).

Longtime Eiteljorg donors also gifted works they had collected over the years, adding depth to the museum's collection. From the Mel and Joan Perelman collection, the museum received gifts of sculpture, pottery, paintings and a bentwood box.

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Eiteljorg artworks in the headlines

The Eiteljorg’s Marketing and Communications department works to secure news coverage about the museum and its artworks in mainstream media and promote them through social media. In 2019, the Eiteljorg Museum was featured in news coverage in respected media outlets:

**Great Lakes By Design Magazine**, “The Regional Element,” November 2019
https://bit.ly/2V04g6c

**The Indianapolis Star**, “Peek at part of Eiteljorg’s huge new Great Lakes art collection 2 years before it opens,” Sept. 4, 2019

**Daily Journal of Johnson County**, “New exhibition examines the breadth of Native art,” Nov. 12, 2019
https://bit.ly/2Xqc8jd

**WISH-TV8**, “Dick Wolfsie heads to the Eiteljorg Museum for *Jingle Rails* exhibit,” Nov. 30, 2019

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**The museum acquired other notable works in 2019:**

- an Inuit (Arviat, Nunavut) wall hanging from the Gallery Gevik;
- a work by Allan Houser (Warm Springs Chiricahua Apache), *Going to Grandma’s*, gifted by Hank and Louise Leander;
- three Emmi Whitehorse (Navajo) paintings, from Jan and Ben Maiden;
- a drawing from and by Jason Wesaw (Pokagon Band of Potawatomi);
- Delaware Straight Dance regalia from Chief Dee Ketchum and Annette Ketchum, in honor of Anna Anderson Davis;
- two prints by Ramson Lomatewama, (Hopi), a gift of Laura Marsh;
- various Native items bequeathed from Marjorie Zeigler;
- a sculpture by Bob Haozous (Chiricahua Apache), from Dorothee Peiper-Riegraf.

All told, the museum diligently cares for more than 9,000 objects (including the more than 450 added in 2019.) Like at most museums, only a portion of the Eiteljorg’s collection is on exhibit in the galleries at any given time. The museum has an active lending program, and pieces in the collection regularly travel to other institutions in North America and worldwide.

**Social Media and Website**

The Eiteljorg is active on social media platforms. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube, or link to them through our website, www.eiteljorg.org. Here are the Eiteljorg’s social media analytics for January to December, 2019:

**FACEBOOK**
23.8K FOLLOWERS
494 POSTS SENT IN 2019
853.9K IMPRESSIONS

**TWITTER**
12.7K FOLLOWERS
526 TWEETS SENT IN 2019

**INSTAGRAM**
4.3K FOLLOWERS
361 POSTS SENT IN 2019

**LINKEDIN**
16.2K IMPRESSIONS
388 POSTS SENT IN 2019

*LIKES* INCREASED FROM 21,927 TO 23,162
Contemporary Native Art

With support from Lilly Endowment Inc., the Efroymson Family Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation and the David H. and Barbara M. Jacobs Foundation, the Eiteljorg Museum is a leader nationally in the field of contemporary Native American art. Every other year since 1999, the Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship has provided financial support to five Native artists creating important and impactful contemporary art. The museum features their art in a special exhibition and catalog, and acquires pieces for the museum’s renowned collection. In 2019, the Fellowship exhibition *Blurring the Line* highlighted fascinating and beautiful works by Rita Letendre (Abenaki), Hannah Claus (Bay of Quinte Mohawk), Demian DinéYazhí (Diné), Matthew Kirk (Navajo) and Dyani White Hawk (Sičáŋǧu Lakota).

Significantly in 2019, the Eiteljorg launched a new website, [https://contemporaryartfellowship.eiteljorg.org](https://contemporaryartfellowship.eiteljorg.org), featuring biographical information about Fellowship artists from each round of the program and examples of their artworks. The website is updated regularly, providing a convenient single location to find the latest information about the Fellowship, contemporary Native art and the museum’s efforts in the field.

Earlier in 2019, contemporary Native artworks — including work by Fellows from earlier rounds — appeared in other Eiteljorg exhibitions, including *A Sense of Beauty* and *Harry Fonseca: The Art of Living*. The Eiteljorg’s scholarly art catalog *Native Art Now! Developments in Contemporary Native Art Since 1992* remains available through the Museum Store, along with a 2017 companion documentary film of the same title that was co-produced with WFYI Productions. The documentary has been broadcast approximately 430 times across 87 different public television markets in 33 states. More contemporary art will be on exhibit at the Eiteljorg in 2020 and in the next Fellowship round in 2021.

Matthew Kirk (Navajo)
*To Be So Lucky*, 2017
Mixed media on paper
Museum Purchase: Eiteljorg Fellowship

Demian DinéYazhí (Diné)
*my ancestors will not let me forget this*
Neon and aluminum
Museum Purchase: Eiteljorg Fellowship

Rita Letendre (Abenaki)
*Sunburst*, 1971
Oil on canvas
Museum Purchase: Eiteljorg Fellowship
The Eiteljorg Museum welcomes everyone and fosters diversity and inclusivity. The dedicated staff of highly qualified individuals from diverse backgrounds has strengthened the museum. The Eiteljorg also strives to make its art and programs accessible to visitors of differing abilities. Through outreach programs, the Eiteljorg has sought to expand its mission to the community beyond the museum’s walls.

Eiteljorg Guide Sandy Schipp, left, introduces students from the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired to the painting October Suite, Grand Canyon, 1991, by Wilson Hurley. Through an arts-accessibility initiative called No Limits, ISBVI students have worked alongside museum staff to make the Eiteljorg more accessible to visitors who are blind or visually impaired. In 2020, a video documentary about the effort produced by 12 Stars Media, No Limits: Eiteljorg, won a Lower Great Lakes Emmy Award for best cultural documentary.

The Día de Muertos Community Celebration, also known as Day of the Dead, brought thousands of guests into the museum with free admission Oct. 26, 2019, to celebrate Latino heritage and enjoy music and dance performances. It was jointly presented with Nopal Cultural and other sponsors.
Artist in Residence Jason Wesaw (Potawatomi) in September 2019 spent a week at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and worked with students on a clay project. The No Limits initiative also resulted in ISBVI students working with blind sculptor Michael Naranjo (Santa Clara Pueblo) in February 2020.

At the museum’s Leon Jett Memorial Lecture on Feb. 16, 2019, author Ron Craig discussed his research of York, the African-American man who was a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

AGAVE, the Eiteljorg’s auxiliary for young professionals ages 21 to 40, enjoyed the 10th annual Jingle Rails model train attraction during their holiday event, “Bourbon, Jingle and Mingle,” Dec. 5, 2019.

A crowd enjoyed the performance of the Rob Dixon Quartet during the free Summer Under the Sails concert, July 24, 2019.
Volunteers and Interns

In 2019, a total of 335 volunteers ranging from retirees to students donated 13,508 hours to the Eiteljorg, and performed invaluable service by guiding tour groups, interpreting objects for visitors and assisting at events such as Indian Market and Festival. Eiteljorg volunteer Sharon Mills donated the most hours, 540, in 2019. Among museum interns, Madison Hincks donated the most volunteer hours, 419, in 2019. Throughout the year, the Eiteljorg offers worthwhile internship programs, where undergraduate students and recent university graduates earn academic credit and practical work experience.

Aaliyah Hunt

Aaliyah Hunt, a recent Ball State graduate, gained public relations experience while serving as a summer marketing and communications intern in 2019.
The Future

CHAPTER 4

The Eiteljorg is always planning, always innovating for the future, to best meet the needs of our patrons, members, guests, artists and the community.

Ojibwe Artist
Bandolier Bag, ca. 1875
Loom woven beadwork bag; glass seed beads, glass basket beads, wool cloth, wool fox braid, wool yarn, cotton cloth.
Museum purchase with funds provided by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

The planned renovation to the R.B. Annis Western Family Experience will tell the stories of five families in the West, including an exhibit featuring the popular stagecoach that will focus on the Hansen Wheel & Wagon Shop.
**Future Projects**

**Native American Art Galleries: Reinstallation**

The Eiteljorg’s second-floor Native American galleries showcase artworks on largely the same floorplan as they did when the museum opened in 1989. As part of its Project 2021, the Eiteljorg plans to completely renovate the galleries, and reinstall them to present Native artworks from throughout North America in a state-of-the-art space, with more glasswork and less casework, to create a more contextual experience. The new galleries will have special emphasis on the Indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes region, incorporating many items from the recent acquisition of the Richard Pohrt, Jr. collection and other outstanding artworks by Native artists. A $2.83 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. facilitated the acquisition of art, but the museum seeks partners in supporting the cost of remodeling the galleries. The yearlong renovation is scheduled to begin in 2021 with the reinstalled Native American galleries reopening in 2022.

**R.B. Annis Western Family Experience: Reinstallation**

The Eiteljorg’s family-friendly space, the R.B. Annis Western Family Experience, opened in 2010 and has delighted thousands of visitors, but is in need of a reboot. Plans call for renovating it to focus on five diverse multigenerational families of the contemporary West. Activities will surround the addition of the Wisdom Café, the Stephenson family’s Texas ranch, the Hansen Wheel & Wagon Shop, the story of the Indianapolis Totem Pole and its relationship to the Yealtatzie family, and the local Shew family’s experiences as descendants of Chinese immigrants. Once the estimated $350,000 renovation is complete, the space will feature activities, art and technology to highlight the five diverse families’ experiences, stories and connections to other areas of the museum.

To support these Eiteljorg capital projects, contact Vice President for Advancement Nataly Lowder at nlowder@eiteljorg.com or 317.275.1311.

**Coming in 2020-2021**

For the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage, the Eiteljorg has developed art exhibits and programming under the theme of Honoring Women in summer and fall 2020 through spring 2021. They include the exhibitions Quilts: Uncovering Women’s Stories, Powerful Women: Contemporary Art from the Eiteljorg Collection, and later Hard Twist: Western Ranch Women – Photographs by Barbara Van Cleve, as well as interesting talks and learning opportunities. For more information and virtual content, visit www.eiteljorg.org.

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**Potawatomi, Otoe, Ojibwe and Wyandot artists**

**Moccasins, ca. 1800–ca. 1890**

Tanned and smoked deerskin, glass seed beads, ribbon applique, silk ribbon, moose hair.

Museum purchase with funds provided by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

**Faye Lone (Seneca)**

**Grand Entry**, 2008

Cotton fabric, cotton batting, thread

104 x 91 inches

2008 Indian Market & Festival Purchase Award
Membership Benefits

In 2019, the Eiteljorg Museum enjoyed rapid growth in the number of museum members thanks to an aggressive membership-recruitment effort. Nearly 2,800 households enjoy various membership tiers that allow free admission to the museum and invitations to special events. Members belonging to the Eagle Society (pictured) can join in exciting trips to the West to experience landmarks and visit artists in their studios. Eiteljorg members receive a free subscription to the museum's Storyteller magazine (pictured), which in 2019 won the Award of Honor for magazines from the Public Relations Society of America, Hoosier Chapter. To become a museum member, contact Cassandra Sanborn at csanborn@eiteljorg.com or 317.275.1360.


Donors Profile in 2019*

- Individual donor gifts: 3,349
- Corporate gifts: 30
- Foundation gifts: 28

Total gifts: 3,407

*Please see the “How to Donate” section on Page 24.
The Eiteljorg Museum shows its appreciation to donors and patrons through special museum events, including galas, exhibition-opening parties and guided trips to the homes of artists and art collectors.

Sandy and Stan Hurt were the guests of honor at a gala Oct. 24, 2019. Eiteljorg President and CEO John Vanausdall (right) presented a proclamation from Mayor Joseph Hogsett honoring the Hurts.

Guests enjoyed the Western-themed party Cowpokes & Cocktails on April 27, 2019, at Cathy Turner's property in Zionsville, Ind.
Through their strategic support of exhibitions, programs and the museum’s annual fund, the Eiteljorg’s top donors, sponsors and leading groups of members make a difference throughout the year.

We express our sincere appreciation to all 2019 donors for their generosity and commitment to the Eiteljorg Museum. Without your help, 2019 would not have been as successful.

Due to space limitations, only gifts of $100 or more are listed — except for annual fund gifts given in honor of or in memory of someone. If your name is not listed correctly, please accept our sincere apology and call 317.275.1311.

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Through the 10th annual Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure featured new scenes of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Spanish Missions of the Southwest, along with favorite scenes created out of all-natural materials. Image by Zach Dobson Photography.

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Left to right: Eiteljorg President and CEO John Vanausdall, Terry Rader, Mel Perelman and Mike Eagle celebrated the opening of the exhibition *Bringing Friends Together: Contemporary Hopi Carvings from the Eagle, Perelman and Rader Collections* on March 29, 2019 during the Eiteljorg Museum’s 30th anniversary.

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The Eiteljorg is grateful for the many people and organizations who have generously offered their support, energy and expertise to nurture and sustain the museum’s mission. Their efforts create timeless legacies with powerful results.

The Kincannon Learning Circle on the Eiteljorg Museum grounds is a peaceful place on an autumn day.

The Eiteljorg’s gardens and grounds are accented by beautiful sculptures, such as the bronze sculpture Watercarrier, 1986, by Allan Houser (Warm Springs Chiricahua Apache, 1914–1994), a loan from the TIA Collection. © Allan Houser Incorporated.
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The Eiteljorg is grateful to civic leaders who give of their time and expertise to help the museum formulate its strategies.

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A traveling exhibition of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian, For A Love of His People: The Photography of Horace Poolaw, was on view at the Eiteljorg for most of 2019. It featured documentary-style photographs by a Kiowa photographer of his Oklahoma community during the mid-20th century.
The music group Son of Hwéeldi was among the performers at the 2019 Indian Market and Festival.

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Eiteljorg volunteers helped the museum perform its mission in 2019. Lora DiMeglio, left, and Cindy Munerol, right, volunteered at the *Día de Muertos* (Day of the Dead) Community Celebration.

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In 2019, visitors to the new Western art galleries enjoyed interactive activities, such as jigsaw puzzle representations of Western paintings.

In 2019, the holiday model railroad *Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure* celebrated its 10th season at the Eiteljorg Museum. Image by Zach Dobson Photography.
Foundations from across the nation support the work of the Eiteljorg Museum, and in 2019 they contributed nearly $5.5 million toward the mission. The Eiteljorg Museum is enormously grateful to these foundations and endowments, such as Lilly Endowment Inc., that historically have supported the museum, both for general operating support and in supporting specific events or projects. In this sample of noteworthy grants, we highlight community and sustainability:

- The Eiteljorg Museum received a grant to participate in the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read program to focus on the Western novel *True Grit* by Charles Portis. April and May 2019 were full of *True Grit* activities: a dozen book discussions throughout Central Indiana (with the help of the Indianapolis Public Library and Indiana Writers’ Center), including a bonfire along the White River; gallery tours; author talks such as keynote Dr. Richard Etulain, Western scholar and author, and Jay Jennings, author and editor who worked closely with Charles Portis; poetry readings such as North Dakota Poet Laureate and author Larry Woiwode with project partner Brick Street Poetry; an over-21 poetry night based on the colorful names of historic cocktails; storytelling and Western-themed programming for families including a chuckwagon, Cameo the horse, Sawyer Family Band, kid-friendly insight into Western snakes (live snakes and reptiles); and screenings of both film versions of *True Grit*. More than 2,000 people participated in the museum’s Big Read programs. It received national news coverage in The Associated Press: https://bit.ly/31hk0Ft

- A three-year challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities will support essential components of the Eiteljorg’s new approach to exhibitions and engagement, laying the groundwork for complete reinstallation of the Native American galleries in 2021-2022. Built with the Eiteljorg’s growing permanent collection with a special focus on the Great Lakes cultures, the reinstallation will incorporate state-of-the-art casework and interpretive graphics, labels and panels. If you want to help the Eiteljorg complete this NEH challenge, contact Nataly Lowder at 317.275.1311.

- The Eiteljorg celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2019, a milestone reached with the support of local foundations that have generously supported the Eiteljorg over the years. Special exhibitions, events, programs, tours, workshops, artists in residence, *Jingle Rails*, Indian Market and Festival and free days all were made possible with the support of Swisher Foundation, Nicholas H. Noyes, Jr. Memorial Foundation, Ayres Foundation, The Penrod Society, the Arthur Jordan Foundation and Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation.

Members and guests of AGAVE, the Eiteljorg’s auxiliary for young professionals ages 21 to 40, enjoyed the 10th annual *Jingle Rails* model train attraction during their holiday event, “Bourbon, Jingle and Mingle,” Dec. 5, 2019.
In Memoriam

Over the past year, the Eiteljorg Museum lost many dear friends who had supported the museum with their time, talent and leadership and who made generous gifts to the museum through the years. Our sadness at the passings of these supporters is assuaged by the knowledge that their steadfast support has created a lasting legacy for the Eiteljorg that will impact future generations of artists and visitors. We dedicate this annual report to these friends.

Frank (Mitch) Battese
(Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation/Chickasaw Tribe of Oklahoma)
May 11, 2020

Dr. Edward M. Cockerill
April 28, 2019

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February 17, 2019

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February 1, 2019

William Denton
Jan. 12, 2020

Christel DeHaan
June 6, 2020

Jean S. Duwe
December 12, 2019

Jan Eason
October 23, 2019

Joan Elder
November 5, 2019

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January 26, 2019

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April 1, 2019

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August 17, 2020

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January 1, 2020

Terry Isaac
July 16, 2019

Donald B. Korb
March 30, 2019

Nakotah LaRance
(Hopi/Tewa/Assiniboine)
July 12, 2020

Joseph F. LeClair
April 9, 2020

Truman Lowe (Ho-Chunk)
March 30, 2019

P.E. MacAllister
October 24, 2019

Boris E. Meditch
June 13, 2019

Gerald Paul
October 29, 2019

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November 12, 2019

William N. Salin
May 4, 2019

Rod Scheele
March 26, 2019

Art Schildbach
February 16, 2019

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March 13, 2019

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January 31, 2019

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April 16, 2019

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June 6, 2020

Richard Wood
April 16, 2020

Greg Zehner
September 7, 2019
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Lezlie Laxton
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Lorna Speece
Robert Tate
John Vanausdall
Mary Whistler

At the Frank and Katrina Basile Museum Store, Eiteljorg visitors can shop for a beautiful variety of authentic Native American jewelry, Pendleton blankets, Western-themed home décor, art books and video documentaries, cards, posters and children's items. The Museum Store offers some items online at https://eiteljorg.org/visit/shop/ and can ship merchandise.

In March 2019, Eiteljorg facilities employee Ian Poynter, assistant event operations tech, was nominated for the Visit Indy ROSE Awards that recognize non-management employees and volunteers for exceptional commitment to customer service in the tourism industry. At the ceremony, Ian, right, was congratulated by Indianapolis Mayor Joseph Hogsett. The Eiteljorg facilities staff works diligently to keep the 30-year-old building clean, in good working order and energy efficient.

In 2019, visitors to the Eiteljorg Museum Café enjoyed delicious Southwest-inspired menu items, including salads, sandwiches, and quesadillas, created during the year by Kahn's Catering.