



# FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

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## **FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION IN MUSEUMS FOR ALL PROGRAM**

*Museums for All increases the accessibility and access to museums and cultural organizations across the country*

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., – October 1, 2020** – Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is proud to announce that it has joined Museums for All, a signature access program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Association of Children’s Museums (ACM), to encourage people of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum-going habits.

The program supports those receiving food assistance benefits (SNAP or WIC) visiting Meijer Gardens for a nominal fee of \$2 per person, up to four people, with the presentation of a SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) or WIC card beginning on October 1, 2020. Similar reduced admission is available to eligible members of the public at more than 500 museums across the country.

Museums for All is part of Meijer Gardens’ broad commitment to seek, include and welcome all audiences. Museums for All helps expand access to museums and raises public awareness about how museums in the U.S. are reaching their entire communities.

More than 500 institutions participate in the initiative, including art museums, botanical gardens, children’s museums, science centers, zoos, history museums and more. Participating museums are located nationwide, representing 48 states.

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### About the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Their mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning and cultural and civic engagement. Their grant making, policy development and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit [imls.gov](http://imls.gov)

### About Association of Children's Museums (ACM)

The Association of Children's Museums (ACM) champions children's museums worldwide. With more than 400 members in 48 states and 20 countries, ACM leverages the collective knowledge of children's museums through convening, sharing, and dissemination. Learn more at [childrensmuseums.org](http://childrensmuseums.org).

### **About Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**

One of the world's most significant botanic and sculpture experiences, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park served 670,000 visitors in 2019 and was recently listed in the top 30 most visited museums in the United States by The Art Newspaper, the leading publication in global art news. The 158-acre main campus features Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; one of the largest interactive children's gardens in the country; arid and Victorian gardens with bronze sculptures by Edgar Degas and Auguste Rodin; a carnivorous plant house; outdoor gardens; and a 1900-seat outdoor amphitheater, featuring an eclectic mix of world-renowned musicians every summer. The internationally acclaimed Sculpture Park features a permanent collection including works by Claes Oldenburg & Coosje van Bruggen, Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Richard Serra, Louise Bourgeois, Ai Weiwei and Jaume Plensa, among others. Indoor galleries host changing sculpture exhibitions with exhibitions by Ai Weiwei, Pablo Picasso, Edgar Degas, Mark di Suvero, Jonathan Borofsky, Alexander Calder, Jim Dine and others. In June 2015, the eight-acre Richard & Helen DeVos Japanese Garden at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park opened. Created by renowned designer Hoichi Kurisu, the garden features sculpture by Anish Kapoor, Jenny Holzer, David Nash, George Rickey, Masayuki Koorida, Zhang Huan and Giuseppe Penone.

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