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MAJOR GIFT PROPELS DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART CONSTRUCTION

The Kemper Family Foundations, UMB Bank, n.a., Trustee, donate \$500,000 to DuMA



Architectural rendering of DuMA's new programming pavilion and outdoor terrace by Schulhof Rashidi Architects

DUBUQUE, IA, December 1, 2025– The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA) today announced a half-million-dollar investment by the Kemper Family Foundations, UMB Bank, n.a., Trustee in the Museum's new arts campus. DuMA is honored to name the east outdoor terrace at the intersection of 7th and Locust Streets in recognition of this generous gift. The east terrace creates an outdoor gallery, movie screen, café, and performance space that welcomes pedestrians and parkgoers of all ages with Museum programs.

"What distinguishes the campus design is what you see people doing," remarked DuMA's Board President and Campaign Chair, Andrew Butler. "The activity on the east terrace will be what visitors see first as they approach from the south. We are deeply grateful to the Kemper Family Foundations for this landmark investment in downtown Dubuque."

"We're excited to support this outstanding project that will expand and enhance the Museum's services and facilities," said UMB CEO and Chairman Mariner Kemper. "The arts are an extremely important part of this community. These enhancements will help bring even more people through this exceptional museum, providing an elevated and best-in-class experience."

Supporting our communities is a central part of our company, and UMB is thrilled to announce this donation on behalf of the Kemper Family Foundations.”

Construction recently began on the new campus designed by renowned architects Schulhof Rashidi Architects and is expected to be completed by the end of 2027. DuMA has raised nearly \$44 million towards its \$69 million goal. The Butler Family Foundation will match all pledges made through April of 2026 up to \$25 million.

For more information about the Museum and its new campus, please visit dbqart.org.

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About the Dubuque Museum of Art

The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA), founded in 1874 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2004, is Iowa’s oldest cultural institution. Named a national affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in 2016, DuMA’s mission is to create engaging art experiences that excite, inspire, and connect our community. The Museum is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm and Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm. On the first Friday of the month, DuMA is open until 7 pm.

Free for members, youth 18 and under, active military members, veterans, and their families with a military or veteran ID or to those receiving food assistance (SNAP benefits) who present their EBT card. Adults are \$12, seniors \$10, and college students \$10. Admission is free for youth 18 and under and for all on the first Friday of the month.

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