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**Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum to Close Temporarily in Preparation for  
Opening of Renzo Piano-designed New Wing and Refreshed Historic Galleries**

*The Gardner Museum closes to the public from  
November 15, 2011 through January 18, 2012*



BOSTON, MA, July 22, 2011 -- The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum announced today that it will close for nine weeks this winter to complete the final stages of construction and preservation work in order to prepare for the opening of the new Renzo Piano-designed wing and the restored Tapestry Room. The brief closure period will begin on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 and will end on Thursday, January 19, 2012 when the museum opens its new wing to the public.

“We are fortunate to have remained open for the majority of the construction schedule with the least amount of impact on the public during this period. We now need this time to put the important finishing touches on the spaces and to prepare for our opening celebrations in January. We look forward to the unveiling of the new wing and refreshed Palace galleries and welcoming the public back to the Gardner,” said Anne Hawley, Norma Jean Calderwood Director of the museum.

During the closed period, museum staff will move visitor amenities into the new wing, install three opening exhibitions, and complete preservation and conservation work in the historic galleries including the completion of its decade-long upgrade of lighting and restoration of the Tapestry Room.

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[www.gardnermuseum.org](http://www.gardnermuseum.org) • Modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palazzo with an interior courtyard garden, the Gardner Museum houses a collection of fine art spanning 30 centuries and featuring Titian, Rembrandt, Botticelli, and Sargent, as well as changing contemporary and historic exhibitions, classical concerts, lectures, and special events. The museum will open its new wing designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Renzo Piano in January 2012. Building on a Legacy Website •  
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