

# The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design

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The Albany Institute of History & Art has announced The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design, on view from October 1 through December 31, 2016.

The Art of Seating, an exhibition organized by The Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, presents American chair designs from the early nineteenth century to the present day. The chair is experienced not only as a functional item, but as sculptural in view — the chair as art.

Each of the more than forty chairs in the exhibition was chosen for its beauty and historical context with important social, economic, political, and cultural influences. Selections from the Jacobsen Collection of American Art are joined by contemporary designs offering a stylistic journey in furniture with showstoppers by John Henry Belter, George Hunzinger, Herter Brothers, Stickley Brothers, Frank Lloyd Wright, Charles and Ray Eames, Eero Saarinen, Isamu Noguchi, and Frank Gehry, and many others.

The Art of Seating Opening Night, Friday, September 30, will begin with an Exhibition Preview & Champaign Reception from 5-6 pm. Complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served during a private preview of the exhibition. Open to Sponsor level AIHA members and above (\$250). RSVP to Briana at (518) 463-4478 ext. 412. The exhibition will be open to the public from 6-8 pm, with live music by classical guitarist John Charles Cook. RSVP to (518) 463-4478 ext. 403. This exhibition is free for AIHA members, \$10 for non-members.

The Art of Seating is organized by the Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, in collaboration with the Thomas H. and Diane DeMell Jacobsen Ph.D. Foundation and is toured by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C.

The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. Free parking is available in the museum's lot at the corner of Elk and Dove Streets.

The exhibition galleries, Museum Shop, and the new Crisan Café at the Albany Institute are open Wednesday 10 am-5 pm, Thursday 10 am-8 pm, Friday 10 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-5 pm, and Sunday noon-5 pm.

Current admission rates are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, \$6 for children aged 6-12, and free for children under 6. Albany Institute members are admitted for free. The museum offers free admission to the galleries on Thursdays from 5 pm-8 pm and on the First Fridays of the month from 5 pm-8 pm. For more information, click [here](#) or call (518) 463-4478.

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