The Art of Seating
Two Hundred Years of American Design
Few objects tell the history of modern design as eloquently as the chair. Aesthetics trends, the emergence of new technologies, ergonomics, and social and cultural developments are all reflected in the evolution of chair design.

The Art of Seating, organized by the Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, Florida, presents a survey of exceptional American chair design from the early 19th century to the present day. Designed for function, each chair has a story to tell about our national history and the evolution of American design, art and were chosen for their beauty and historical context with important social, economic, political and cultural influences. Highlights include designs by John Henry Belter, George Hunzinger, Herter Brothers, Stickley Brothers, Frank Lloyd Wright, Charles and Ray Eames, Eero Saarinen, Isamu Noguchi, and Frank Gehry, among others.

Not only does the exhibition provide an opportunity for the viewer to see readily recognizable pieces alongside those rarely seen by the public, it also takes the viewer into the design studio through patent drawings, documented upholstery, artist renderings and multimedia presentations.

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EXHIBITION SPECIFICATIONS

Number of Works
More than 40 chairs

Exhibition Components
Pedestals for all chairs, wall-mounted graphics, and one DVD

Organized by
The Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, in collaboration with the Thomas H. and Diane DeMell Jacobsen PhD Foundation

Curator
Ben Thompson, Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville

Requirements
Moderate security; 4,000–5,000 square feet

Shipping
IA&A makes all arrangements; exhibitors pay outgoing shipping costs within the contiguous US

Booking Period
8 weeks

Tour
June 2011–January 2021

Educational Materials
Education Curricula for Pre-K through 12 and other educational resource materials including brochure (provided digitally)

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