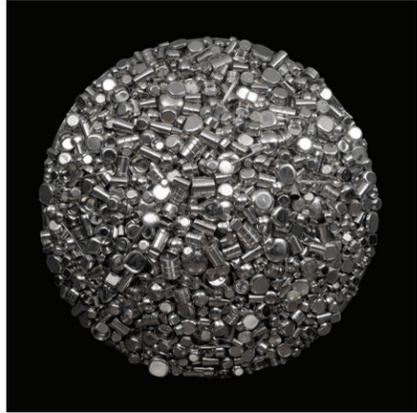


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Subodh Gupta  
*Untitled*  
Law, Gallery 106M

Consider what draws you to this work. The lighting and background create a heightened sense of drama. If the objects in this artwork were a different color or texture, how might your perceptions change?

8



Cai Guo-Qiang  
*Odyssey*  
Law, Gallery 109M

This work covers every wall of this room. Spend some time walking slowly around the perimeter. What do you notice? The object as a whole can feel very different when you get close and look at the details.

9



Cameroon peoples  
*Royal Palace Posts and Lintel*  
Law, Gallery 203M

This work was originally intended for a building. Imagine what the architecture of this space might have looked like. Look carefully at the details. What might they be communicating about the building and the space inside?

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### How to use this guide



LOOK

You don't need Instagram or even a smart phone to enjoy this guide. Use the prompts and questions to spend time looking and experiencing the Museum in a new way.



ADD

While you explore the Museum, consider what we may have missed. Is there a work of art you find especially engaging or unexpected? Or is there an old favorite that you come back to again and again?



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1



Alessandro Botticelli  
*The Adoration of the Christ Child*  
Beck, Gallery 216

This work was painted on a round canvas, sometimes called a tondo. Notice where your eye is drawn. How does the round shape affect your experience of this work?

2



Corner with three Bacchante busts  
Beck, Gallery 220

The three busts in this gallery's corner make an interesting installation. Observe how they change depending on your angle. Move closer, then farther away. Try standing on tiptoe or crouching down. Experiment with framing what you see, either with your hands or with your camera. What do you notice?

3



Kees van Dongen  
*The Corn Poppy*  
Beck, Gallery 223

The lack of details in this work's background makes it especially intriguing. Where might this woman be? What is she looking at? Could you capture her story in just six words?

4



Audrey Jones Beck Building Lobby  
Beck, Lobby

This space offers a juxtaposition between the ancient and the modern. Explore the sculptures included in this space. Imagine the spaces where these works would have originally been displayed. What are the differences and similarities to where they are displayed now?

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Franz Kline  
*Corinthian II*  
Beck, Gallery 109

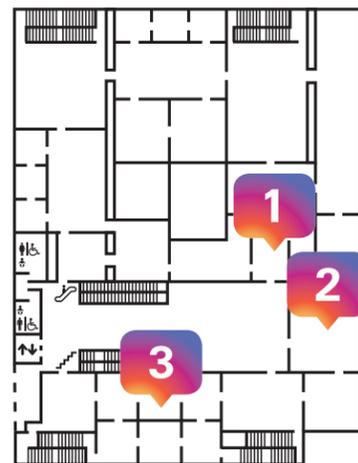
The lack of color emphasizes the gestural nature of this work. Imagine you are the artist: what gestures would you have used when painting? How do they contribute to the feelings that the work conveys?

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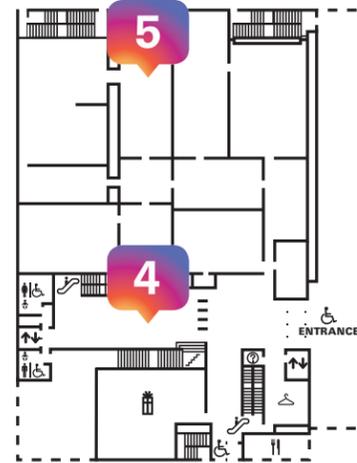


James Turrell  
*The Light Inside*  
Wilson Tunnel

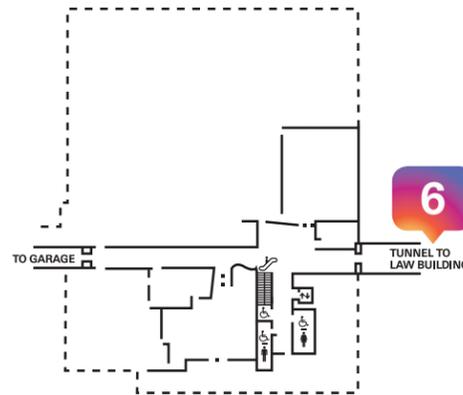
This is the most photographed object in the collection. We recommend taking some time just to experience this space. Walk slowly down the middle of the black walkway. What do you notice? The work shifts between three colors. Consider what is real and what may be an illusion.



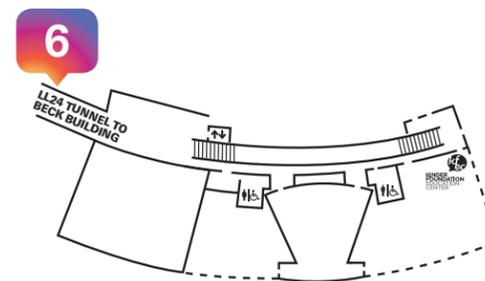
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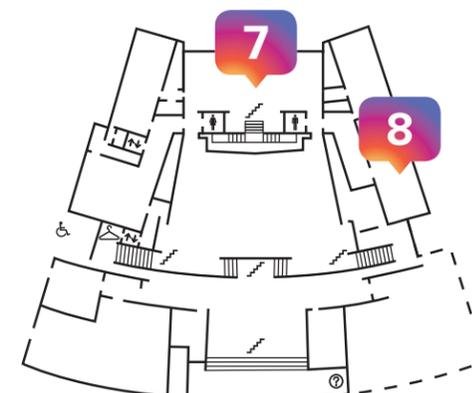
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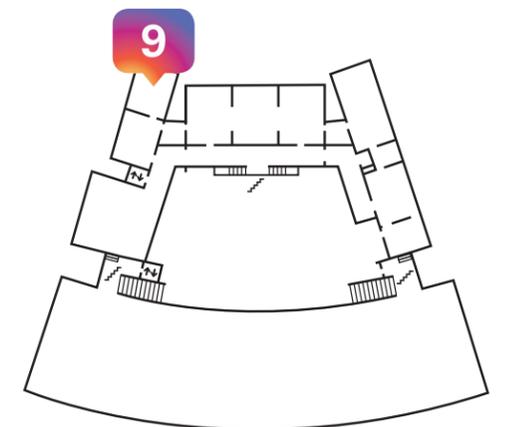
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