

# THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

## The Modern Wing

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### CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

- 1999** Architect Renzo Piano selected to design the Art Institute of Chicago's expansion
- 2001** Plans by Renzo Piano Building Workshop unveiled
- 2004** Opening of Millennium Park, including Piano-designed South Exelon Pavilions
- 2005** Early May: Marc Chagall's *America Windows* deinstalled for protection and conservation during construction
- May: Groundbreaking for the building, then called the New North Wing
- December: A group of anonymous private donors are granted naming rights to the building. The building is christened the "Modern Wing."
- 2006** The Art Institute of Chicago awarded grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to incorporate cutting-edge "green" technologies into the Modern Wing
- May and July: Two tower cranes delivered to site
- October: Trustees name the Modern Wing's central court the "Kenneth and Anne Griffin Court" in recognition of their support
- 2007** September: Groundbreaking for the Nichols Bridgeway, named for donors Alexandra C. and John D. Nichols
- October through December: Installation of the "flying carpet" roof
- 2009** Spring: Scheduled opening of the Modern Wing and Nichols Bridgeway