



**MGM RESORTS**  
ART & CULTURE

## **MGM National Harbor to Feature Permanent Art Collection Inspired by Capital Region’s Rich Heritage**

*Resort to Showcase Works by Local and International Artists including  
Bob Dylan, Margaret Boozer, John Safer, Alice Aycock, and Sam Gilliam, Among Others*

**NATIONAL HARBOR, MD (December 7, 2016)** – Furthering MGM Resorts International’s commitment to the arts, the highly anticipated **MGM National Harbor**, opening December 8, will feature a permanent collection of art inspired by the rich heritage of the Capital Region. Woven seamlessly throughout the resort’s public spaces, the MGM National Harbor Heritage Collection will showcase commissioned and procured works by visionary local and international sculptors, photographers and mixed-media artists, including Bob Dylan, Margaret Boozer, Alice Aycock, Sam Gilliam, John Dreyfuss, John Safer, Liao Yibai and Chul Hyun Ahn, among others.

“An unparalleled art program that exemplifies the diversity of the region and captures the spirit of MGM National Harbor, while also being accessible and engaging for everyone, has been a part of our vision from the very beginning,” said Jim Murren, Chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts International. “The Heritage Collection will celebrate and seamlessly blend the creative brilliance, beauty and inspiration of local and international artists. That juxtaposition of global and local is a hallmark of MGM Resorts as a leading creator of entertainment destinations.”

From the moment guests arrive at MGM National Harbor, situated on the shores of the Potomac River in Prince George’s County, Maryland, they will encounter a sensory experience unlike any other. From the three, 60-foot-tall stainless steel figures of the *Unity* sculpture greeting visitors at the hotel’s porte cochere, to the whimsical seven-foot-tall *Cinderella Shoe* in the retail promenade, guests will be immersed in a storyline unique to the property. Every aspect of the art - from the piece to the location to the orientation - has been carefully selected and strategically designed to complement the space. The artwork will evoke a sense of wonder and delight as guests wander through the resort, encountering works that are diverse and approachable, rivaling the quality and caliber of masterpieces displayed in public collections throughout the Capital Region.

The MGM National Harbor Heritage Collection will feature pieces from more than a dozen artists working with a variety of mediums including aluminum, clay, stainless steel, bronze, watercolors, photography and more. Objects will range from large-scale sculptures and paintings

to photography and LED light boxes, creating a rich visual experience. Some works, like those by Madelyn Keesing and Sam Gilliam, are abstract pieces which echo the historical visual art movement of the Washington Color School that originated in Washington, D.C. Commissioned pieces by emerging artists reflect the rich heritage of Prince George’s County and the greater Mid-Atlantic region, such as the landscape composition fashioned from construction site clay by Margaret Boozer of Red Dirt Studio.

Murren added, “Art is one of the cornerstones of the sensory experience at our resorts, creating environments that are interesting, exciting and distinct. The experience at MGM National Harbor will be exceptional, offering the community and visitors from around the world access to a high-quality special collection.”

The MGM National Harbor Heritage Collection will feature works by Chul Hyun Ahn, Alice Aycock, Ronald Beverly, Margaret Boozer, John Dreyfuss, Charles Dwyer, Bob Dylan, Sam Gilliam, Charles Hinman, Martha Jackson Jarvis, Terry O’Neill, John Safer and Liao Yibai,

To learn more about the collection, please visit: [newsroom.mgmnationalharbor.com](https://newsroom.mgmnationalharbor.com).

MGM National Harbor is in collaboration with the [Prince George’s County Arts and Humanities Council](#), an independent non-profit organization designated by the Prince George’s County government to coordinate financial support and advocacy for the arts and humanities through grants, artistic programs and creative partnerships among business, education, government and residents. For the Heritage Collection, MGM National Harbor has also partnered with [Atlantic Arts](#), a Maryland-based art procurement company, and [RareCulture](#), a women-owned establishment specializing in curating fine art collections.

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**About MGM Resorts Art & Culture**

MGM Resorts International, a leader in the development of Las Vegas as a vibrant art and culture destination, has established MGM Resorts Art & Culture to encompass its varied art-related initiatives in Las Vegas and beyond. Reflecting the company’s core values of inclusivity and diversity, MGM Resorts Art & Culture aims to create special, accessible experiences for audiences of every age and every walk of life. Each project thoughtfully considers the artist, the environment and the overall experience because art has the power to evoke emotion, engage the senses and spark conversation. Art is prevalent throughout the company’s distinctive world-class brands including Bellagio, ARIA, MGM Grand and Mandalay Bay. Evolving into a comprehensive, ongoing program,

MGM Resorts Art & Culture projects include Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art; Art in The Park; the MGM National Harbor Heritage Collection; MGM Resorts Collection; title sponsor of Ugo Rondinone's colorful, land-based art installation *Seven Magic Mountains*; Official Partner for Public sector at Art Basel in America; and the ARIA Fine Art Collection, the first major permanent collection of art in Las Vegas to be integrated into a public space and one of the world's largest and most ambitious corporate art collections in existence today. For more information about MGM Resorts Art & Culture, visit [mgmresorts.com/artandculture](http://mgmresorts.com/artandculture) or join the conversation @mgmartculture.

***About MGM National Harbor***

*The newest addition to the MGM Resorts International (NYSE:MGM) portfolio, MGM National Harbor has an unrivaled setting offering stunning panoramic views of the eastern shore of the Potomac River in Maryland. The \$1.4 billion LEED® Gold Certified resort, scheduled to open December 8, 2016, sits a short distance from Washington, D.C. to the north and historic sites, including George Washington's Mount Vernon estate across the river in Virginia. The 24-story, 308-room resort will feature premier amenities and experiences for locals as well as visitors from around the world including a dynamic casino with over 125,000 square feet of space that includes slots, table games and poker; a world-class spa and salon; an entertainment theater with flexible seating for up to 3,000; high-end branded retail; 50,000 square feet of meeting space; and restaurants from renowned local, national and international chefs. For more information and reservations, visit [mgmnationalharbor.com](http://mgmnationalharbor.com).*

***About MGM Resorts International***

*MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM) is one of the world's leading global hospitality companies, operating a portfolio of destination resort brands including Bellagio, MGM Grand, Mandalay Bay and The Mirage. The Company is in the process of developing MGM National Harbor in Maryland and MGM Springfield in Massachusetts. The Company also owns 51 percent of MGM China Holdings Limited, which owns the MGM Macau resort and casino and is developing a gaming resort in Cotai, and 50 percent of CityCenter in Las Vegas, which features ARIA Resort & Casino. For more information about MGM Resorts International, visit the Company's website at [mgmresorts.com](http://mgmresorts.com).*