

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

STATEMENT FROM THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM ON MARCH 18 CLOSURE

Boston, MA (March 18, 2023) – The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (ISGM) will not be open today (Saturday, March 18). We were informed that climate activists were planning a protest inside the Museum that could potentially put our community and artworks at risk. After careful consideration, and an abundance of caution for the safety of our staff, volunteers, visitors and collection, we made the difficult decision to remain closed for the day.

Climate activists have been protesting around the world, unfortunately using art museums as a stage to promote their cause. This protest was intentionally planned to coincide with the anniversary of the art theft that took place at the Gardner Museum 33 years ago (3/18/90).

“Isabella Stewart Gardner envisioned her Museum as a place of sharing art, community and conversation. She was an advocate of all forms of art, as well as the environment, especially horticulture,” said Peggy Fogelman, Norma Jean Calderwood Director. “While it is our mission to uphold Isabella’s values, we do not support this type of tactic that targets art institutions and could possibly put the Museum’s collection, staff and visitors at risk.”

All individuals who purchased advanced tickets will be refunded. We apologize for the inconvenience to our visitors, members and entire Gardner community. The Museum will reopen tomorrow. For more information, please visit [ISGM.org](https://www.isgm.org).

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Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum • 25 Evans Way, Boston, MA 02115 • Hours: Open Weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays until 9 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. • Advance tickets are required for timed entry. Very limited tickets may be available at the door at peak times or days • Admission: Adults \$20; Seniors \$18; Students \$13; Free for members, children under 18, everyone on their birthday, and all named "Isabella" • Special exhibitions are included as part of general admission. • \$2 off admission with a same-day Museum of Fine Arts, Boston ticket • For information 617 566 1401 • Box Office 617 278 5156 • www.gardnermuseum.org