#### Hour

Open daily from 11am to 5pm Thursday until 9pm; closed Tuesda

#### Tips for Enjoying Your Visi

#### ∠) AUDIO GUIDES

Audio Guide devices are available for rent at the admission desk for \$5, or access for free on your own device via gardnermuseum.org/audioguide.

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#### DINING + SHOPPIN

Café G and Gift at the Gardner are open during Museum hours. Café G stops seating one hour prior to Museum closing.

#### TOURS + TALKS

Free talks and tours take place nearly every day. Stop by the admission desk for times and locations.

#### While You're Here

Our collection is displayed in an accessible fashion. Please help us protect the works of art and the building by not touching.

Low light levels in the historic galleries help protect works of art from damage and maintain the interplay of light and shadow that has always been part of the Gardner experience.

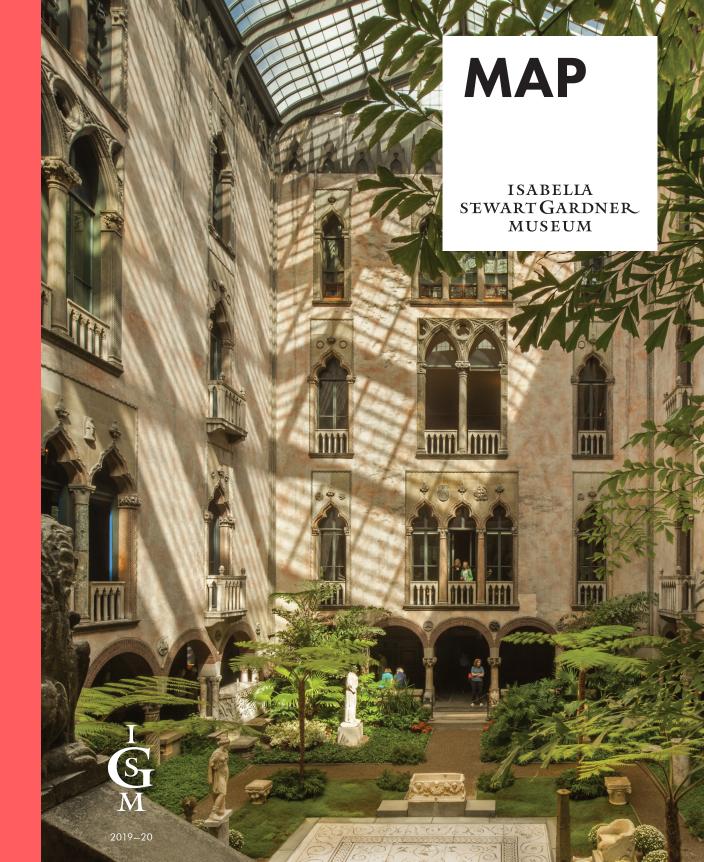
Non-flash photography and video recording are permitted throughout the Museum. Please be considerate of others when taking photos. The use of tripods, monopods, and selfie sticks is not permitted.

All large bags, backpacks, and umbrellas must be checked at the coat check, or visitors may use our self-service lockers, free of charge.

#### Become a Member

Join today and enjoy unlimited free Museum admission for one year, special member prices, advance notice of concerts and lectures, and a 10% discount at Gift at the Gardner and Café G. Become a member at the admissions desk, online at gardnermuseum.org, or call the Membership Office at 617 566 5643.

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# Welcome to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum!

You are about to experience a museum that is unlike any other. The magical creation of one woman's vision, the Gardner invites you to delight in beauty and let your imagination wander.

In keeping with Isabella's desire to celebrate art in all its forms, today the Museum is home to contemporary and historical exhibitions, lectures, music, dance, and performance programs; an Artistin-Residence program; neighborhood partnerships; and changing courtyard displays.

The Museum embodies the adventurous spirit of its founder as a patron of the arts and a gracious hostess. Her personal motto, "*C'est mon Plaisir*" or "*It's my Pleasure*," is a reminder of the joy Isabella took in welcoming visitors to her Museum, as well as an invitation to make the Museum your own.

The Gardner is an inclusive museum that welcomes all people. All visitors and staff have the right to a safe, respectful experience at the Museum. Discrimination or harassment will not be tolerated in any form.

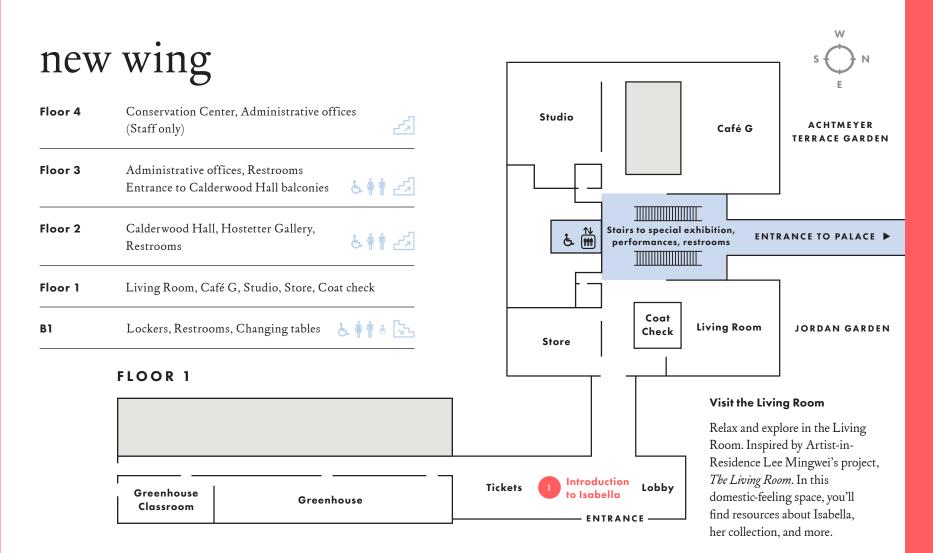






#### Who Was Isabella Stewart Gardner?

Isabella Stewart (1840–1924) was born in New York City and married Bostonian John ("Jack") Lowell Gardner Jr. in 1860. The Gardners' wide travels inspired a passion for art, which became a passion for collecting when Isabella's father left her his fortune in 1891. Advised by friends and Bernard Berenson, a connoisseur of Italian Renaissance art, Isabella soon accumulated a remarkable collection and began planning for a building in which to house it. After Jack Gardner died in 1898, Isabella continued the project, buying land in the little-developed Fenway. She hired an architect, but with characteristic energy and confidence, Isabella insisted that the building be built to her own specifications. Fenway Court, as she called her museum, opened in 1903.





In this immersive guide to the Museum, our curators share stories about Isabella and her vision, introduce you to highlights of the collection, and point out some of their favorite works of art. You can access the audio tour by renting an audio player from our admissions desk or listen on your own mobile device.



Each stop on the tour is indicated by a number in a circle on the map. Start with Stop 1, Introduction to Isabella.

#### TWO WAYS TO ACCESS THE AUDIO GUIDE



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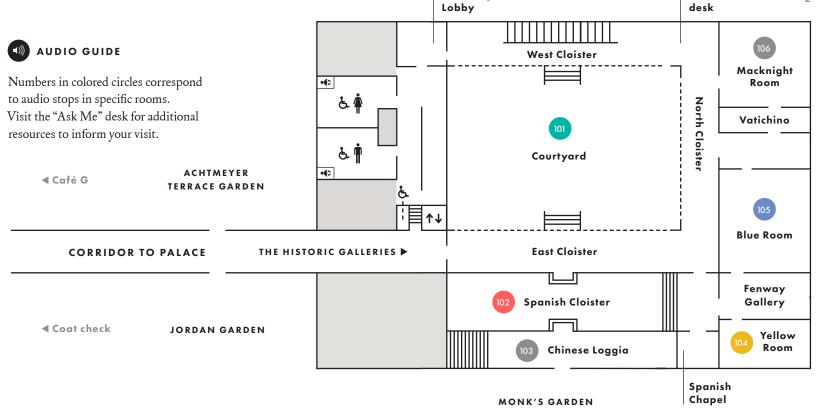


#### ON YOUR OWN MOBILE DEVICE / FREE



You can access the Audio Guide directly on our website at **ISGM.ORG/AUDIO**. Scroll to the number listed on the map for each stop, and press **PLAY** to start.

# Palace, FIRST FLOOR



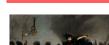
**Worthington Street** 

# **COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS**



Courtyard

Roman, Mosaic: Medusa



Spanish Cloister

John Singer Sargent, El Jaleo



Chinese,

Eastern Wei.

Votive Stele

Chinese Loggia





Henri Matisse.

The Terrace,

Saint-Tropez

James McNeill Whistler, Nocturne, Blue and Silver: Battersea Reach



Blue Room



Édouard Manet, Madame Auguste

Manet



Anders Zorn, The Omnibus

Macknight Room

"Ask Me"



John Singer Sargent, Mrs. Gardner in White

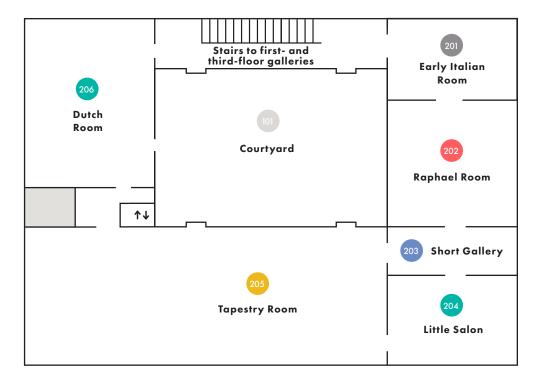


Roman, Severan, Farnese Sarcophagus

# Palace, SECOND FLOOR

AUDIO GUIDE ( ◄)))

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### **COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS**

Fra Angelico,

The Dormition

and Assumption





Piero della Francesca, Hercules



Japanaese, Roof Tile: Dove





Inghirami



Piermatteo d'Amelia, The Annunciation





Anders Zorn. Raphael de la Isabella Stewart Planche, Chateau Gardner in Venice and Garden Tapestry





Pedro García de Benabarre, Saint Michael Archangel Saint Engracia



Bartolomé

Bermejo,

Islamic manuscript page: Verbena



Workshop of Jan Moy, Queen Tomyris Tapestry







Anthony van Dyck, Rembrandt van Rijn, Woman with a Rose Self-Portrait, Age 23

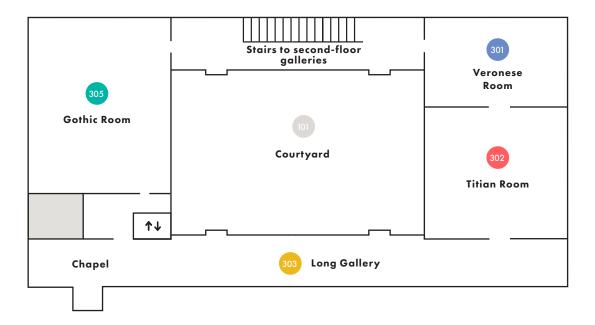


Peter Paul Rubens, Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel

# Palace, THIRD FLOOR

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# **COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS**



**Titian Room** 



Studio of Paolo Veronese, The Coronation of Hebe



Italian, Venice, Seat from a Gig



Titian, Rape of Europa



Benvenuto Cellini, Bindo Altoviti



Attributed to

Armchairs

Velázquez, Philip IV of Spain

Giovanni Bellini, Christ Carrying Antonio Landucci, the Cross



Botticelli, Virgin and Child

Long Gallery & Chapel



Giuliano da Rimini, Virgin and Child Enthroned with Saints



Window from Soissons Cathedral









John Singer Sargent, Isabella Stewart

Giotto, The Presentation of the Christ Child in the Temple

Gardner

