

Photography Policy

General Photography Rules

Visitors to the San Antonio Museum of Art are welcome to take souvenir photos and video of the exterior and interior of the Museum for their personal use. Flash photography, tripods, and selfie sticks may not be used in the galleries; they may be used on the grounds with advance permission from Museum staff. Visitors are asked to stay at least one foot away from works of art and display cases. The Museum cannot authorize photography of works of art in special exhibitions or on loan to the museum.

Subjects are asked to wear appropriate attire, and not to block walkways, doorways, entrances, or climb on any sculptures or trees. The San Antonio Museum of Art reserves the right to restrict access to photographers during Museum events and activities.

Portrait Photography

On the Grounds: Photography at the San Antonio Museum of Art is available at an hourly rate of \$20 for photographers, both professional and amateur, taking formally posed, portrait-type photographs on the Museum grounds. For groups of ten or more, the hourly fee is \$50. This fee, either in cash or check, is required for each separate photo session or can be paid at the Front Desk upon arrival. The Museum does not provide changing rooms, and restrooms may not be used as dressing facilities.

Inside the Museum: The Museum is pleased to make available limited opportunities for professional and amateur photographers to take formal photographs in the Museum. Portrait photography inside the Museum is available by appointment only for a fee of \$1000 for two hours, payable by cash or check. Photographers pay upon arrival for the photo session. Photographers must make appointments at least a week in advance by calling the Event Rental office: 210.978.8100 Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Museum is closed on Mondays).

Commercial Photography

Commercial photography and filmmaking at the San Antonio Museum of Art may be arranged with sufficient advance notice. Commercial photography and videography sessions will be supervised by one or more members of the Museum staff.

Please contact the Events Rental office: 210.978.8100.

Fees for Commercial Photography:

- \$1,000 (10% discount for rates are available for Members)
- Full payment of the location fee must be received prior to the start of the shoot.

Additional fees may include:

- Police/Security (mandatory for large sessions): \$150
- Overtime: \$100 for each additional half hour after two hours
- After Museum hours will incur additional fees and available on a limited basis.

If closure of any property is required due to a film or photo shoot, an additional cost will be incurred.

All photographers using the San Antonio Museum of Art grounds and/or building exteriors and interiors must acknowledge the Museum in any printed or audio-visual materials. The credit line should read: "Photographed at the San Antonio Museum of Art in San Antonio, Texas."

While at the San Antonio Museum of Art, visitors may be photographed by museum photographers or other authorized parties. These images may be used to publicize the museum and its activities in print, online, and in display materials, and they may also be distributed to the media. Attendance on the museum premises constitutes implied consent for the use of visitors' likenesses in the museum's promotional materials.

Press Photography

Members of the media must make arrangements for all photo and video shoots in advance, and must be escorted by a staff member at all times or have permission from Communications and Marketing to shoot independently. To schedule your visit, email the Marketing department at marketing@samuseum.org. Photo shoot requests that cannot be staffed will be declined.