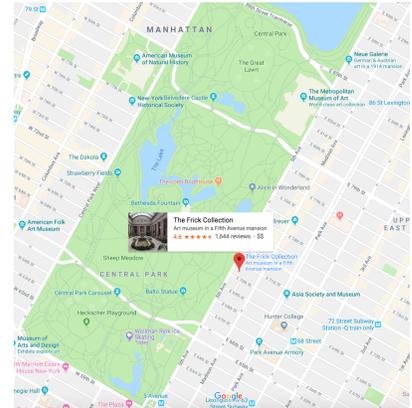


THE FRICK COLLECTION

Located on the Upper East Side in Manhattan, the Frick Collection is an internationally recognized premier museum and research center, known for its distinguished Old Master paintings and outstanding examples of European sculpture and decorative arts.

Assembled by the Pittsburgh industrialist, Henry Clay Frick and housed in his former residence on Fifth Ave, the Frick Collection opened as a museum in 1935. Since then it has continued to acquire works.

Henry Frick started his substantial art collection as soon as he started amassing his fortunes. A considerable amount of his art collection is still located in his former residence in Pittsburgh, from which the family moved to New York in 1905. H.C. Frick stayed in the house until his death in 1919; after his death he willed the house and all of its contents, including art, furniture and decorative objects as a public museum. The collection features some of the best-known paintings by major European artists as well as numerous works of sculpture, porcelain, 18th-century French furniture and Oriental rugs. Although



the museum cannot lend the works of art that belonged to Frick, as stipulated in his will, The Frick Collection does lend artworks and objects acquired since his death; around one-third of the pictures of the collection.

Its mission is to provide access, understanding, and enjoyment of the Collection to the public through special exhibitions, publications, education, research, and public programs of the highest caliber.

The Frick is also known to have extraordinary temporary exhibits. When the Mauritshuis was under reconstruction, key and rare works like Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring* toured the United States, and was exhibited at the Frick in 2013 as opposed to other venues available in New York City.

The house, and the affiliated Art Reference Library, were designated a National Historic Landmark in 2008 for their significance in the arts and architecture as a major archive of a Gilded Age art collection.

