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### Tour the “New” Akron Art Museum With PBS 45 & 49

KENT, Ohio — Aug. 20, 2007 — The paintings are hung, inaugural gala is a memory, the ribbon has been cut and the media frenzy has quieted. Now is your chance to take a personal tour of the renovated Akron Art Museum. PBS 45 & 49 presents **Defying Gravity — Akron’s New Art Museum: A NewsNight Akron Special Edition** on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. The program repeats on Thursday, Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 31 at 9 p.m.

Join **NewsNight Akron**’s Jody Miller for this update about the Akron Art Museum and its award-winning new building, designed by the renowned Viennese architecture firm Coop Himmelb(l)au. The museum opened to the public on July 17, 2007.

Miller tours the museum with Mitchell Kahan, museum director and chief executive officer, and Barbara Tannenbaum, director of curatorial affairs. Her guides explain the “gravity-defying” features of the Beatrice Knapp McDowell Grand Lobby and the quiet serenity of the renovated galleries in the 1899 building and its display of art from 1850 to 1950. Then viewers can see the collection galleries and special exhibition galleries, which showcase the remarkable works — paintings, sculpture, photography, prints and drawings — in a collection that spans three centuries.

Kahan and Tannenbaum talk about the convergence of the two buildings, the museum’s place in the fabric of the greater Akron community and the plans and programs for the future of the “new” Akron Art Museum.

Two past **NewsNight Akron** specials that featured the museum’s renovation progress can be viewed online at [www.pbs4549.org](http://www.pbs4549.org) by selecting the “on demand” link.

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