

## The Momentary

The Momentary is a new contemporary art space in downtown Bentonville, Arkansas, for visual, performing, and culinary arts. The space serves as a gathering place to relax, work, eat and drink, and discover art through programs, exhibitions, festivals, and more. The Momentary is a satellite of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

The Momentary was founded by the Walton family, based on the vision of Tom, Olivia, and Steuart Walton, with Olivia serving as founding chairperson. The Walton Family Foundation is supporting the project as a way to enhance the quality of life in Northwest Arkansas. Its commitment to cultivating arts and cultural experiences provides more opportunities for education, engagement, and enjoyment in our region.

**Mission Statement:** The Momentary champions contemporary art's role in everyday life. Uniquely positioned in the US Heartland and connected to the world, the Momentary welcomes all. The Momentary explores the unfolding story of contemporary American arts in an international context by actively commissioning and exhibiting outstanding works that explore new ideas and inspire action in visual, performing, and culinary arts.

### Cost

General admission is free.

### Square Footage

Total: 63,000 sq ft

### Hours

Sun, Tue, Wed: 10 am - 7 pm  
Thu - Sat: 10 am - 10 pm  
Mon: Closed

### Leadership

**Lieven Bertels**, director  
**Pia Agrawal**, curator of performing arts  
**Lauren Haynes**, director of artist initiatives and curator, contemporary art at Crystal Bridges and the Momentary

### Opening Date

February 22, 2020

### Adaptive Reuse

Transformed a decommissioned cheese factory into a contemporary art space.

### Founding Funders

Walton Family Foundation  
Walmart  
RØDE Microphones  
The Coca-Cola Company  
Tyson Family Foundation  
Willard & Pat Walker Charitable Foundation

### Architect

Chicago-based Wheeler Kearns Architects with **Calli Verkamp** as the lead project Architect.

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