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.

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

**Opening Date**
February 22, 2020

**Adaptive Reuse**
Transformed a decommissioned cheese factory into a contemporary art space.

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

**Square Footage**
Total: 63,000 sq ft

**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

**Founding Funders**
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