

# Clark Family Gallery to open in March at International Museum of Art & Science

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McALLEN — Renovations are underway for the future Clark Family Gallery scheduled to open in March 2006 at the International Museum of Art & Science in McAllen.

The new Clark Family Gallery is made possible through the continued generosity and support of the arts provided by Kirk and Jeri Clark in honor of Clark's parents, Charles and Dorothy Clark. The new Clark Family Gallery will open with an exhibition called "A Celebration of Spirit, The Clark Legacy." An exhibition companion volume written by Kirk Clark will accompany the opening. The book, titled Celebration of Spirit,

chronicles the story of Clark's family and how he became an artist and philanthropist.

"A Celebration of Spirit, The Clark Legacy' is part of the Museum's Living Legends Program, which explores two important foundations of every great museum: philanthropy and a love of the arts," said Serena Meredith Rosenkrantz, IMAS executive director.

"The Living Legends Program is designed to promote a deeper appreciation of the arts and sciences, and acknowledge the generosity expressed by many people in the community whose kindness will endure for years to come in making great art and science programs accessible," she said.

Last year, IMAS honored Frank Schultz for his contribution of a Pablo Picasso collection.

"This year we are honored to recognize the Clark Family in our Living Legends Program," Rosenkrantz said.

Charles and Dorothy Clark were part of the original founding members of IMAS in the 1960s, and over the years have contributed a vast collection of Pop and Expressionist art to IMAS. Kirk and Jeri Clark have continued to add to this collection, and recently donated two contemporary artworks by Duncan Wylie and Michio Takayama. IMAS plans to unveil these in the near future as an additional component of the Living Legacy program, once construction and renovations are complete.

Clark, whose favorite artist is Michelangelo, says of the upcoming Clark Family Gallery opening, "My hope is that IMAS will have the support, resources and vigor to reach its maximum potential in serving the public."

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