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National Museum of the American Indian



NMAI-DC

4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C.

Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily;
closed December 25. Admission is free.
For information, visit our website at
www.AmericanIndian.si.edu, send an email
to NMAI-info@si.edu or call 202-633-1000.

NEAREST METRO STATION L'Enfant Plaza (Blue/
Orange/Green/Yellow lines). Take the Maryland
Avenue exit.

MEMBERSHIP AND ONLINE STORE To become an
NMAI Member, visit www.AmericanIndian.si.edu/
give. Or call 1-800-242-NMAI [6624]. Enjoy the
benefits of membership (a 20% discount) on all
online store purchases at www.nmaistore.com.

PLEASE NOTE Food and drink are not permitted.
Smoking is prohibited. Security officers hand-check
all backpacks, purses, briefcases, suitcases, and
other bags. No checkroom is available. Video or
audio recording and flash photography are permitted.
We are accessible for individuals with disabilities.

OTHER NMAI SITES The museum is also comprised
of a public facility in the Alexander Hamilton U.S.
Custom House in Lower Manhattan and the Cultural
Resources Center (CRC), a research and collections
facility in Suitland, Maryland. Visits to the CRC
are by appointment only; please send requests to
NMAICollections@si.edu. For information about our
New York location, please call 212-514-3700.

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Welcome to NMAI

The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington, D.C., features the lifeways, history, and art of indigenous peoples throughout the Western Hemisphere. The museum on the National Mall is one of three sites that make up the National Museum of the American Indian.



GETTING STARTED

The **Welcome Desk** is located on the first level. NMAI staff and volunteers are happy to answer your questions and can provide information on current exhibitions, museum programs, and membership.

Begin your visit on the fourth level in the **Lelawi Theater**, which features a 13-minute film, *Who We Are*, celebrating the vitality and diversity of Native life.

Take a **Highlights Tour**. Tours last 45 minutes to 1 hour. All tours assemble in the Potomac Atrium on the first level. Check at the Welcome Desk or the museum's website for additional times and special tours.

The **Potomac Atrium** is the heart of the building and your point of entry into the museum. It is a gathering place for music, dance, cultural events, and tours. From here, elevators will take you to the exhibitions on the second, third, and fourth levels.

IMAGINATIONS ACTIVITY CENTER

The museum's family activity center on the third level provides interactive, hands-on learning for curious visitors ages 12 and under. Explore a tipi, play a quiz show, and weave a giant basket. Educational programs are held regularly; please ask a staff member for the weekly schedule of events. To reserve a group entry time to the imagiNATIONS Activity Center, contact Group Reservations at 202-633-6644.

PROGRAMS, THEATER, AND FILMS

The museum has several locations that feature Native presentations, drama, dance, music performances, demonstrations, readings, panel discussions, and seminars, including:

- The Rasmuson Theater (Level 1)
- The Lelawi Theater (Level 4)
- The Potomac Atrium (Level 1)
- The Outdoor Theater
- Education Workshop (Level 3)
- The Conference Center (Level 4)

STORES AND CAFE

The **Roanoke Museum Store** (Level 2) offers a wide variety of merchandise, including books, crafts, music, souvenirs, toys, jewelry, textiles, and other works by Native artisans.

The Zagat-rated **Mitsitam Native Foods Cafe** (Level 1) serves meals and snacks based on the indigenous foods of the Americas. The **Mitsitam Espresso Bar** (Level 1) offers tribally sourced coffee and light fare.

(Top) Clown figure, 2005. Made by Lisa Holt (Cochiti Pueblo) and Harlan Reano (Kewa Pueblo). 26/5237 (Bottom) Yarina performs traditional and contemporary Andean music during the NMAI's Indian Summer Showcase. (Far left) Lakota (Teton/Western Sioux) hand drum, 1860–1870. 10/5940 (Far right) Yup'ik mask, ca. 1910. 12/910

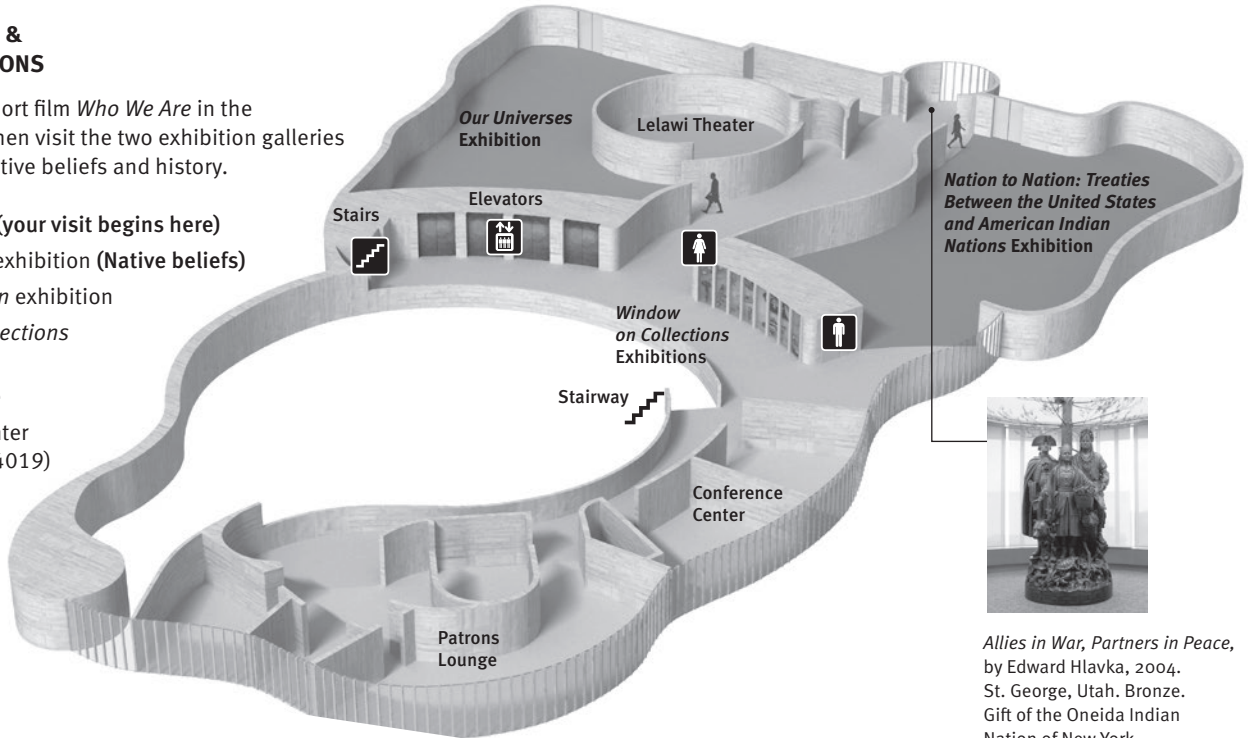


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4 THEATER & EXHIBITIONS

Don't miss the short film *Who We Are* in the Lelawi Theater. Then visit the two exhibition galleries to learn about Native beliefs and history.

- Lelawi Theater (your visit begins here)
- *Our Universes* exhibition (Native beliefs)
- *Nation to Nation* exhibition
- *Window on Collections* exhibitions
- Patrons Lounge
- Conference Center (Rooms 4018/4019)

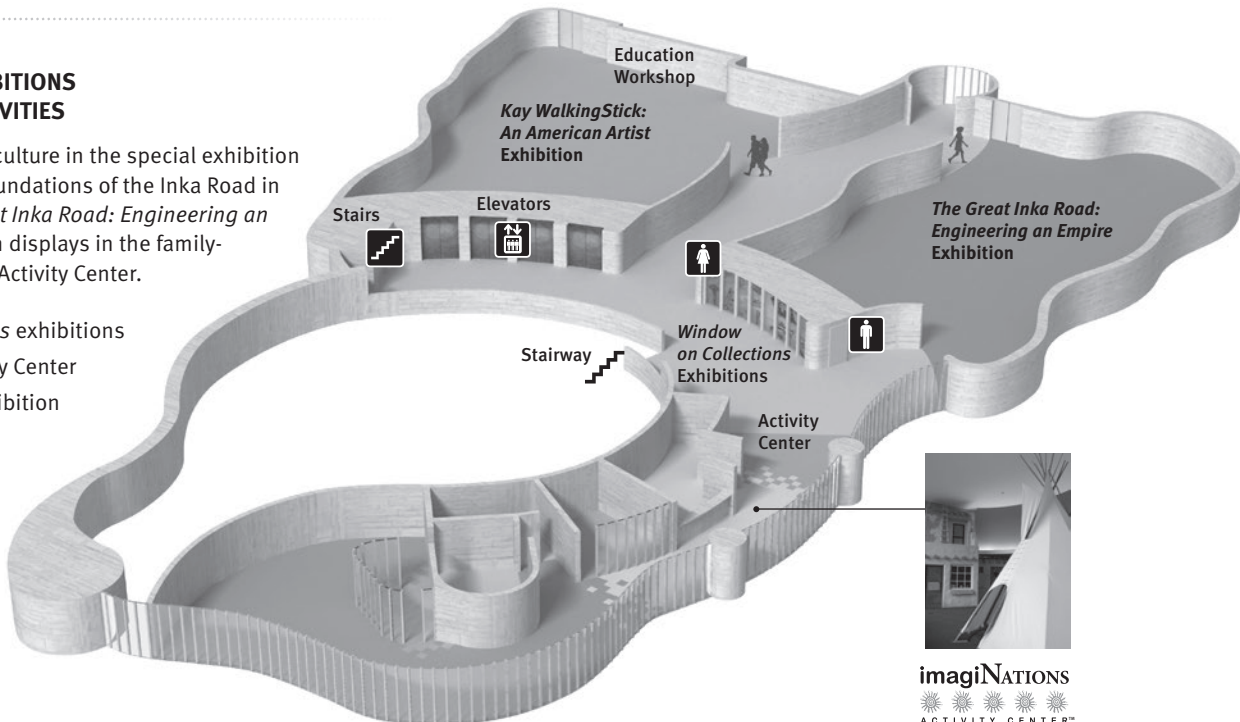


Allies in War, Partners in Peace, by Edward Hlavka, 2004. St. George, Utah. Bronze. Gift of the Oneida Indian Nation of New York.

3 SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Explore Native art and culture in the special exhibition gallery. Discover the foundations of the Inka Road in the exhibition *The Great Inka Road: Engineering an Empire*. Enjoy hands-on displays in the family-friendly imagiNATIONS Activity Center.

- *Window on Collections* exhibitions
- imagiNATIONS Activity Center
- *Kay WalkingStick* exhibition
- *The Great Inka Road* exhibition
- Education Workshop



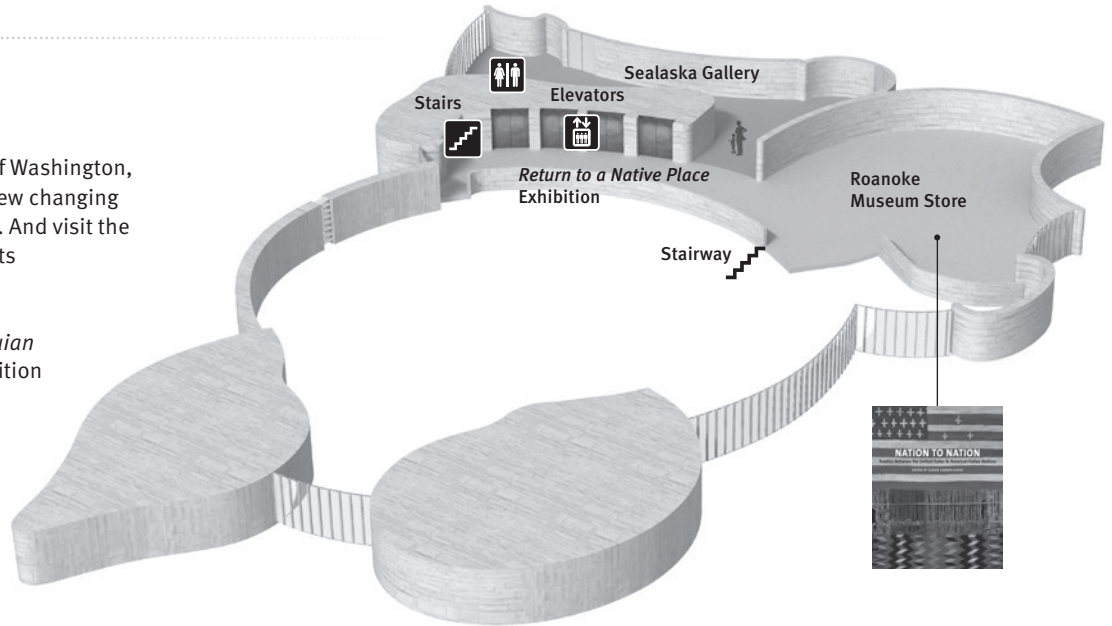
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2 CHANGING EXHIBITIONS & MUSEUM SHOP

Discover the Native communities of Washington, D.C., in *Return to a Native Place*. View changing exhibitions in the Sealaska Gallery. And visit the museum store for one-of-a-kind gifts and souvenirs.

- *Return to a Native Place: Algonquian Peoples of the Chesapeake* exhibition
- Roanoke Museum Store
- Sealaska Gallery



1 POTOMAC ATRIUM, THEATER, & CAFES

Join a tour in the Potomac Atrium or catch a performance or film in the Rasmuson Theater. Feast at the Mitsitam Cafe. Enjoy a beverage at the Espresso Bar.

- Welcome Desk (visitor information)
- Potomac Atrium (highlights tours begin here)
- Elevators to Levels 2, 3, and 4
- Mitsitam Native Foods Cafe
- Mitsitam Espresso Bar
- Group Orientation Room
- Rasmuson Theater
- Group Entrance

