

New Vision Project Stages

The revitalization of the Art Gallery of Alberta took place over three stages. The first was the creation of the Collection Services Facility (CSF), an off-site collection storage facility to improve the care and conservation of the over 6,000 works in the AGA's permanent collection. The facility features 18,000 square feet of museum quality-controlled environment, almost doubling the storage capacity of the former Gallery building's vaults. The CSF became operational in **December 2006** and the AGA collection was moved in January and February 2007.

The second phase of the New Vision building project began with the closure of former Edmonton Art Gallery building in March 2007, followed by the design of a temporary Gallery for the AGA space in Enterprise Square on Edmonton's downtown Jasper Avenue. The temporary space, which opened on **April 14, 2007**, enabled the AGA to continue presenting a full exhibition schedule and educational programs during its renovation project.

The Enterprise Square space provided 10,000 square feet of museum-quality gallery space and studio classrooms, as well as a storefront location for the AGA's Art Rental and Sales Gallery. The cost for the interim Gallery at Enterprise Square (formerly the Hudson Bay Building) was equally split between the University of Alberta (U of A) and the Art Gallery of Alberta.

The third and final stage was the construction of the new AGA building on Sir Winston Churchill Square, which began in the spring of 2007.