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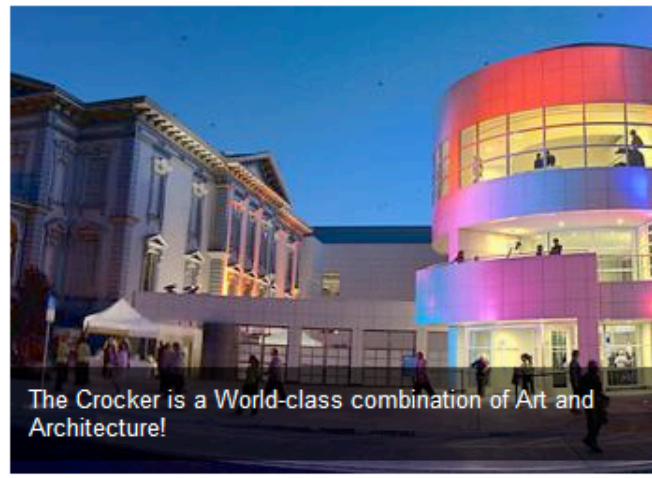
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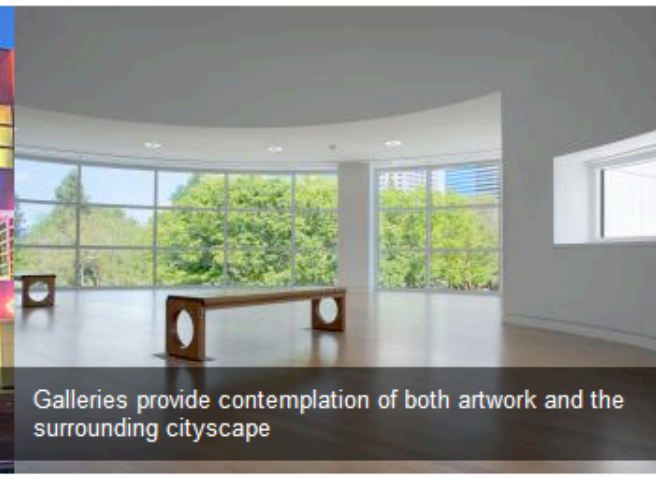
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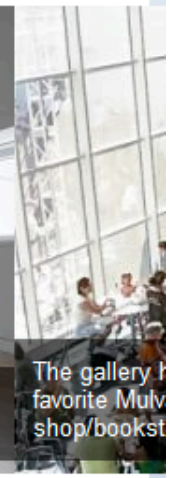
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The world-class Crocker Art Museum, just blocks west of the California State Capitol in downtown Sacramento, showcases the work of Chinese artist Gong Yuebin.

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Rife with physical hardship and persecution, Gong Yuebin's childhood in rural China continues to inform his artistic vision to this day. In "Site 2801," viewers are asked to confront an incongruous and satirical juxtaposition of humanity's past and present. Two hundred terracotta warriors based on models of those commissioned by China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, are displayed rank by rank, having been "unearthed" in a site that not only includes historical warriors, but additional modern combat troops and nuclear missiles. Inherent in the display is the artist's consternation about the apparent lack of progress in thousands of years of human evolution and empire building.

The Crocker Art Museum in downtown Sacramento predates both the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Boston Museum of Fine Art as a purpose-built art facility. This Italianate Victorian museum was built by Judge Edwin and Margaret Crocker to house their art collection, and then given to the city. The Museum has developed a tremendous reputation for its well-known collections of California art dating from the Gold Rush to the 16th and 17th Century Dutch and Flemish paintings; 19th-Century Central and Northern European paintings, and Contemporary art.

In late 2010, a new wing of the Crocker Art Museum opened to the public, which increased the Crocker's size to almost 170,000 square feet. Ten years in the making, the Teel Family Pavilion triples the Museum's prior size and enhance its role as a cultural resource for California and the state's many visitors. The new galleries allow for much more to be exhibited: you will find tremendous examples of California Impressionism, California Abstract Expressionism, Asian, African and Oceanic art, and Ceramics. Notably, California art covers the span of early 19th century landscapes to the latest definition of California culture.

Need a break from art touring? Relax in the courtyard linking the historic 1872 Art Gallery building with the new Wing, and compare the architectural styles and references. The Friedman Court offers a soaring mezzanine as the perfect backdrop to a quick snack or supper at the Crocker Cafe, operated by locally acclaimed chefs, while you contemplate the next gallery to visit. Want to learn even more about art? The Anne and Malcolm McHenry Works on Paper Study Center is available to study the Crocker's outstanding master drawings collection. There may be an art lecture or concert in the new auditorium; be sure to check the schedule of events that are always happening at the Crocker. Want to catch up on news from home? WI-FI is free on the 1st floor. The Crocker Art Museum Store offers reference materials in addition to wonderful gifts.

The Crocker Art Museum, established in 1885, is one of the leading art institutions in California. The Museum offers a diverse spectrum of special exhibitions, events and programs to augment its collections of Californian, European, Asian, African and Oceanic artworks. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday. Every Third Sunday of the month is "Pay What You Wish Sunday" sponsored by Bank of America.

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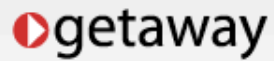
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