



Art in the Heart of Oklahoma

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The Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art, established in 1919 by Gregory Gerrer, has been a long-standing hub of culture and art for more than a century and is one of the oldest museums in the state of Oklahoma.

Father Gregory Gerrer, for whom the museum is named, was a Benedictine monk of considerable artistic talent. During Father Gerrer's travels to Europe, Africa and South America, he collected objects of artistic and ethnological value.

The Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art is unique in that it did not begin as someone's personal collection for their home. Father Gerrer always wanted to share these treasures with the public. He wanted everyone to experience the same opportunity that he had to see the world. He truly wanted to bring the world to Oklahoma.

Located on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University, this museum offers world-class art exhibits, after-school classes and summer camps, lectures from art experts around the world and educational adult workshops. The Mabee-Gerrer Museum also provides a unique tourist destination and serves roughly 15,000 K-12 public school students throughout Oklahoma each year.

The museum houses an extensive collection of unique art and includes the only Egyptian mummies in Oklahoma.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art on a school field trip during high school. The exhibits were educational, interesting and engaging. I was in disbelief that such a beautiful museum was so close to my hometown. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and am eager to return in the future.

“We love working at the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art,” said Amber Dubois-Shepherd, Manager of Education and Outreach at the museum. “It is a fun, family atmosphere where we all work together to achieve our goals!”

There are currently four full-time staff and four part-time staff employed by the Mabee Gerrer Museum of Art.

The current hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m to 5 p.m.