

NEW DE YOUNG OPENING IN SAN FRANCISCO
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The new de Young Museum of San Francisco celebrates its opening on October 15, 2005. Located at 50 Tea Garden Drive in the heart of the Golden Gate Park, the 110 year old museum was damaged severely in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Two public bond issues to repair it failed, but the museum trustees led by President Dede Wilsey, persevered and raised \$180 million privately.

Designed by prize winning architect Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron, the de Young will have an emphasis on the art of Africa, Oceania (Pacific Islands), and the Americas along with its former European and American collections.

Also working on the project are Fong and Chan Architects and landscape architect Walter Hood. The new copper-covered structure is three-levels and 293,000 square feet with a series of courtyards linking it to the park.

The inaugural exhibition, October 15, 2005 – February 5, 2006, is titled “Egypt’s Golden Age, *Daughter of Re: Hatshepsut, King of Egypt.*”