

## Tang Teaching Museum in Saratoga Springs receives \$1.5 million grant

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The Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs has received a \$1.5 million grant aimed at expanding education programs throughout the region.

The donation comes from the Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund, and is the third major gift the organization has given the Tang Teaching Museum. In 2015, the Fund launched a \$1 million challenge grant that led to a \$2 million endowed director position. In 2008, the



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Fund provided a \$1.2 million gift as part of a matching challenge.

This new grant will endow a Tang position called The Laurie M. Tisch Educator for K-12 and Community Programs, and also fund programming to reach school students and adults in underserved areas.

"The support from the Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund is a testament to its commitment to both art and education, and a wonderful validation of the work we do with our many audiences," said <u>Ian Berry</u>, the museum's director, in a statement. "This is such welcome news after being closed for months and as we plan for new ways to engage with our audiences."

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