

# Tang museum receives \$1.5M grant

July 23, 2020



Photo by Tim Hursley

The Tang Museum at Skidmore College will use a \$1.5 million Tisch grant to boost its endowment and expand education programs.

## CULTURE

# Tang Museum receives \$1.5 million Tisch grant

*Says money to boost endowment, programs*

### Staff report

*Saratoga Springs*

The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College has received a \$1.5 million grant from the Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund. The grant will build the Tang's endowment and expand its education programs.

Skidmore President Marc Conner announced the grant on Tuesday.

The Tang's educational program usually reaches more than 8,000 people of all ages each year through programs like Family Saturdays, as well as workshops at schools, libraries,

and community centers. These programs often feature interpretive exercises and art-making projects. Since the pandemic, the program has moved online. Museum educators also conduct teacher training for K-12 educators from around the region.

The grant will endow a key Tang position, which will now be called The Laurie M. Tisch Educator for K-12 and Community Programs. The grant will also fund expanding the museum's outreach to new audiences, especially school students and adults in underserved areas. The grant will also give the museum greater ability to develop programs tailored to a diverse audiences—in the museum, in the community and online.