

# Ausflug Number One:

## Trip to the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art in Charlotte, NC

Saturday, March 13, 2010

### Information on the Museum, taken from the website: ([www.bechtler.org](http://www.bechtler.org))

The museum is named after the family of Andreas Bechtler, a Charlotte resident and native of Switzerland who assembled and inherited a collection of more than 1,400 artworks created by major figures of 20th-century modernism and donated it to the public trust. The Bechtler collection reflects most of the important art movements and schools from the 20th century with a deep holding of the School of Paris after World War II.

The collection is comprised of artworks by seminal figures such as Alberto Giacometti, Joan Miro, Jean Tinguely, Max Ernst, Andy Warhol, Le Corbusier, Sol Lewitt, Edgar Degas, Nicolas de Stael, Barbara Hepworth and Picasso. In many instances the holdings by a particular artist are across various media (painting, sculpture, drawing, prints and decorative arts). Some works in the collection are also accompanied by books, photographs and letters illustrating personal connections to the Bechtler family.

Only a handful of the artworks in the Bechtler collection have been on public view in the United States. Until now, the collection was privately held by the Bechtler family and has since been committed to the city of Charlotte.

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### Details of our trip:

A tour has been arranged for our group at 11:00, and we will have lunch at the Museum around 12:30.

Cost for Group Admission is \$6.00 per person

Cost for lunch is \$10.00 – which includes entrée, dessert, drink, tax & service

We will plan to meet at the ITEMA (corner of business 85 and Hwy 9) parking lot at 9:00 a.m., departing at the latest 9:15. Or, if you would rather drive on your own, we would meet in front of the museum at 10:45.

Please email or call Sam ([samlinder@yahoo.com](mailto:samlinder@yahoo.com), 590-0809) or Nicky ([nickygreenway@yahoo.com](mailto:nickygreenway@yahoo.com), 578-5554) and let us know if you are planning to attend. We need to give the museum a headcount by Monday, February 8.

## Directions and Parking Information:

Museum address:  
420 South Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202  
(704) 353-9200

### Directions from I-85 North:

Take 1-77 South to West Morehead Street, Exit 10A  
Turn left onto West Morehead Street at the light (.8 miles)  
Turn left onto South Tryon Street (.3 miles)  
Arrive at Bechtler Museum of Modern Art on left.

### Parking:

Bechtler Museum of Modern Art Visitors receive discounted parking at the Wells Fargo Cultural Campus Garage at 550 South Tryon Street. The visitor entrance is located on West Stonewall Street.

Discounted parking is also available at The Green parking garage, 425 South Tryon Street. The green garage does not accept credit cards!!!

From either garage, visitors must bring their ticket to the museum admission desk for validation.

Daily rates for the museum are \$1.00 for the first half hour and \$1.00 for each additional half hour.

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Other fun things to do in Charlotte to spend the rest of your day:  
Addresses have been provided so you can run maps and plan your day!

IKEA!!!! 8300 Ikea Boulevard, Charlotte - (800) 434-4532

Trader Joes - 1820 East Arbors Dr. (*corner of W. Mallard Creek Church Rd. & Senator Royall Dr.*) Charlotte, NC 28262 Phone: 704-688-9578 \*\*\*(*Exit 46B off of 85*)

South Park Mall!!! The Cheesecake Factory!!! 400 Sharon Road Charlotte, NC 28211-3606 (704) 770-0076