

# Social Narrative: A Visit to the CAT Museum



**CAT**

**Cafesjian Art Trust**



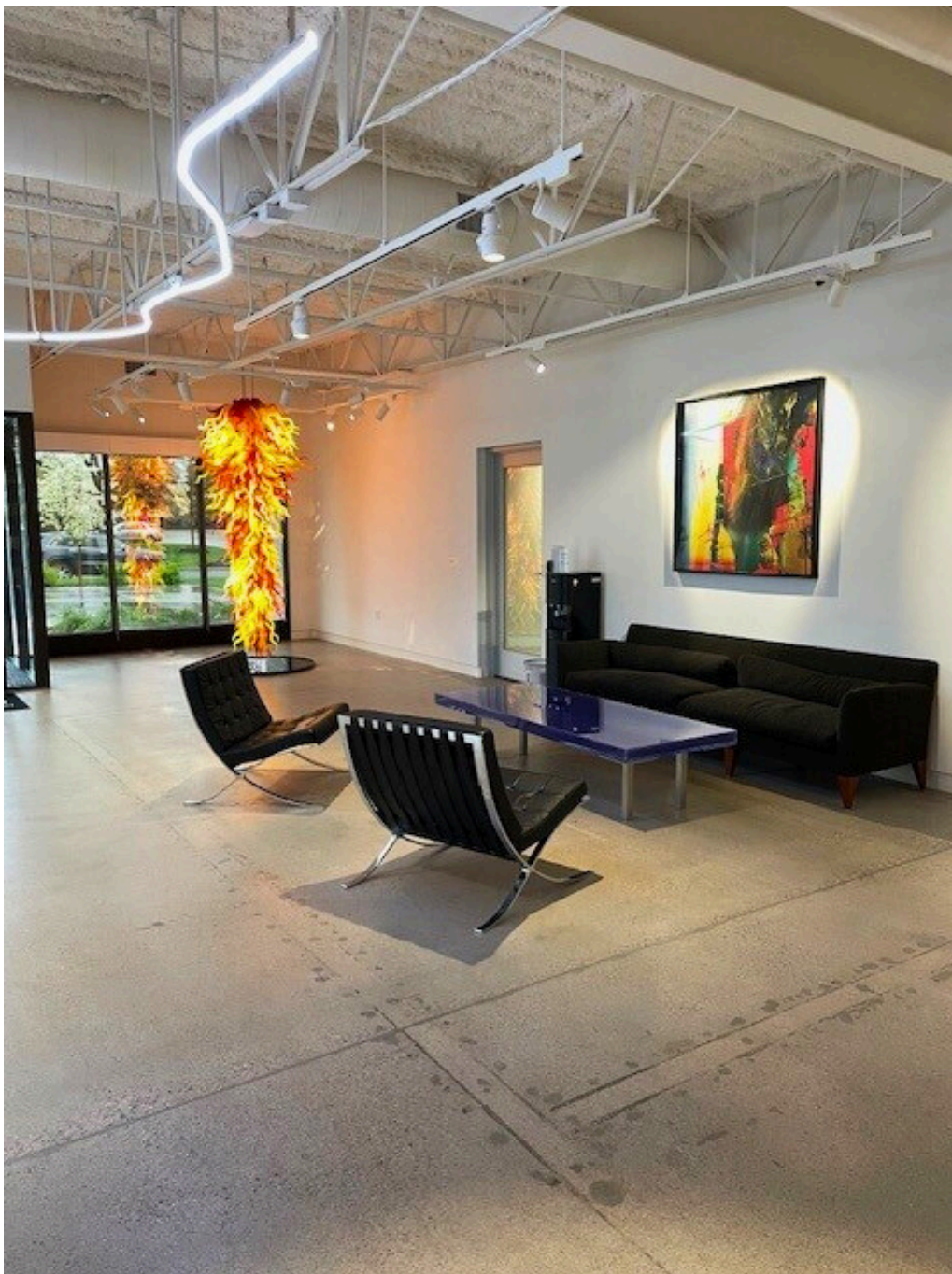
**Today I will be visiting the Cafesjian Art Trust Museum to look at art.**

**The Cafesjian Art Trust Museum is also known as the CAT Museum. It was opened a few years ago to share one man's private art collection with members of the public like me.**

**When I arrive at the CAT Museum, I will enter through the front doors and walk down the entrance hallway. I will see colorful windows and bright lights.**



**I will check in at the front desk. A museum staff person will ask my grown-up for our names and check us off the list.**



**Food and drink is not allowed inside the gallery exhibition space where the art is displayed. If I need to drink water or eat a snack, I can do that in the lobby before I go in the gallery to see the art.**

**I may have to wait for a few minutes for my tour to begin. While I am waiting, I can sit on the couches in the lobby.**



**While I am waiting, I can also use the books in the library. I can take books off the shelves to look at them. I will leave them on the big library table when I am done.**

**I can only touch the books. I cannot touch any of the art sitting on the shelves or displayed on the walls.**

**If I need a fidget to keep my hands busy while I'm at the museum, I can ask a museum staff person for one. I can also borrow headphones or sunglasses while I am visiting.**



**I may need to use the toilet before my tour starts. The toilets in the bathroom do not automatically flush.**

**When I am ready to wash my hands, I can use the plastic stool stored under the sink if I need help reaching the faucet. The soap I will use has a strong perfume smell.**

**The faucets are automatic, and the water is not too hot and not too cold. I will dry my hands with paper towels. The bathrooms do not have electric hand dryers.**



**When my tour is ready to start, I will gather with the rest of the group. There may be as many as 25 other people on the tour with me.**

**A friendly tour guide will tell us about the artwork. The tour guide will explain what we are going to see and remind us of the museum rules.**

**I will remember not to touch the art. I will walk slowly and carefully. I will speak quietly, using my inside voice. I will listen when others are speaking.**



**The tour guide will lead us into the gallery to see the art. If I feel tired, I can sit on a bench. I won't rest my body or my arms on the cases that hold the art.**

**The museum gallery has bright lights and it may get loud when other people on my tour are talking.**

**While I am in the gallery, I can talk about what I see with my grown-up and my tour guide. I can ask questions and make observations. I can share my ideas!**





**I will stay with the group during the tour. If I need to leave early or to take a break, I can go with my grown-up into the lobby.**

**If I need a quiet, private space, I can ask a museum staff person to show me where the sensory-friendly room is.**

**When I am ready to leave the CAT Museum, I will tell my grown-up.**

**I hope I can come back again soon!**

**For more on accessibility  
and family programming  
at the CAT, visit  
[www.cafesjianarttrust.org](http://www.cafesjianarttrust.org).**



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