

# WRHS



# INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE GALLERY



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# WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE GALLERY



# ABOUT WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) is an American history organization, Cleveland's oldest cultural institution and the trusted steward of Northeast Ohio history.

With seven properties, 250 acres, 39 historic structures, and one of the country's finest library and museum collections relating to the American experience, WRHS is among the largest and most diversified historical societies in the United States.

WRHS collects, preserves, studies, documents, and provides access to the stories of Northeast Ohioans – people whose stories are documented and preserved in perpetuity in the artifacts, archives, places and spaces we have been entrusted to steward for nearly 160 years.

WRHS safeguards and shares Northeast Ohio and American history, and provides audiences with a sense of place in a mobile and virtual society.

WRHS is a key resource for state and national history, and especially through library and genealogical collections, WRHS is a resource for anyone studying immigration and migration to the region.

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Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) is creating a new, permanent gallery that explores the history and culture of immigrants, migrants and newcomers to Northeast Ohio.

This International Heritage Gallery (IHG) will feature a “mosaic” of various ethnic groups over time, their cultures and contributions to regional development, and the unique events that have had particular importance to the development of Northeast Ohio, the United States, and the world.

Opening in 2026, the IHG is a WRHS–America 250 initiative that explores the sweeping story of immigration and migration to Northeast Ohio.



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WRHS is a leading repository for materials related to the study of various ethnic groups. Its collections include the African American Archives, Cleveland Jewish Archives, Ethnic Archives, Irish Archives, Italian American Archives, and is the trusted steward of library and museum collections that document the rich heritage of countless other ethnic groups, individuals and organizations.

WRHS collaborates with ethnic groups and organizations on exhibitions, publications and events that celebrate Northeast Ohio's international heritage.

WRHS's core exhibition, Cleveland Starts Here<sup>®</sup>, sponsored by Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, tells the story of Cleveland and the region. The story continues with Carl & Louis Stokes: Making History, Women & Politics: Empowered to Vote, Empowered to Lead, the African American History Gallery and Chisholm Halle Costume Wing.

The International Heritage Gallery is the natural next step in the transformation of WRHS galleries where the wonderfully diverse history of Northeast Ohio unfolds.

# WRHS INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE GALLERY PROCESS & TIMELINE



WRHS has been working with community leaders for two years to develop a concept and plan for the International Heritage Gallery.

WRHS assembled a working Steering Committee to help guide the process.

The Steering Committee works closely with WRHS staff and other experts to develop a storyline that tells the overall history of immigration and migration, as well as the focused stories of the more than 120 ethnic groups who have settled in Northeast Ohio.

WRHS hosted representatives from Cleveland's ethnic communities for an informational gathering in July 2025 to gauge interest and feedback and an update meeting in January 2026.

The International Heritage Gallery is scheduled to open in 2026 to mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States.

# WRHS INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE GALLERY STEERING COMMITTEE



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# WRHS INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE GALLERY BUDGET



The International Heritage Gallery will encompass more than 2,000 square feet of gallery space at the Cleveland History Center, designed with the latest technology to maximize both the experiential and educational environment for the visitor.

Exhibit Design and Production	\$166,000
AV Design and Production	\$140,000
Project Staff / Project Management	\$125,000
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$431,000</b>

# WRHS INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE GALLERY NAMING OPPORTUNITIES



## **GALLERY TITLE SPONSOR**                      **\$250,000**

Exclusive Gallery title sponsor with prominent name and logo recognition and placement onsite, online and in all promotional materials

## **INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FILM**      **\$50,000**

A short feature film that introduces people of all ages to the *International Heritage Gallery*

## **TIMELINE WALLS**                              **\$50,000**

Large, vibrant multi-media feature walls that frame the Gallery perimeter with timelines, photos, and artifacts

## **HERITAGE PLATFORMS**                      **\$25,000**

Large, central, multi-media display platforms that spotlight the stories of various ethnic groups

## **MULTI-MEDIA STATIONS**                      **\$25,000**

Digital multi-media portals featuring photos, video, oral histories and documents that are central to the story

## **ARTIFACT CASES**                              **\$10,000**

Feature artifact cases accent the exhibit with special, rotating displays of artifacts from various ethnic groups

## **HERITAGE PARTNERS**                      **\$5,000 - \$10,000**

An exclusive opportunity for ethnic community partners to create an enduring legacy for NEO's ethnic heritage

*Sponsors at every level will be acknowledged on a special donor recognition plaque at the entrance to the International Heritage Gallery*

The International Heritage Gallery will open Fall 2026 at the Cleveland History Center, headquarters for Western Reserve Historical Society, located at 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. More information is available at [www.wrhs.org](http://www.wrhs.org) or by email to [info@wrhs.org](mailto:info@wrhs.org).



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