

# THE HISTORIC CAST HALL

## AT THE INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE & ART

### ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO YOUR CURRICULUM WITH A VISIT TO THE ICAA'S CAST HALL

Donated to the ICAA by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, our collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century plaster casts has played host to school visits and art classes, serving hundreds of visitors each year. Taught by our Cast Hall Fellow, a museum educator and art historian, our visits are designed in collaboration with educators to make sure that each bespoke visit builds upon your curriculum and brings history to life through an investigation of visual objects that meets your students where they are. Practicing artists and architects often join our visits, leading students in demonstrations and art-making activities that prompt them to stretch their creativity and look closely at the works around them.

Our **free** programs are offered both virtually and in person at our Manhattan gallery, when safe.

*Highlights of our collection can be viewed online at [classicist.org/resources/plaster-cast-collection/](https://www.classicist.org/resources/plaster-cast-collection/)*

### PAST CAST HALL VISIT EXAMPLES

#### For an 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Latin Class

Based off their class readings on Venus and the virtue of Beauty, this visit examined a cast of the Crouching Venus and students discussed how those ideas of beauty were replicated and adapted by centuries of artists.

#### For a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ancient History Class

Drawn from their studies of ancient military history, the visit focused on the cast of the Discus Thrower, and students considered how classical artists depicted the ideal male form in the figure of the athlete

#### For a 12<sup>th</sup> grade Art History Class

As the students were learning about the impact of the classical world in the Renaissance, we looked towards a cast of Ghiberti's doors, investigating how classical principles were used to accomplish 15<sup>th</sup> century artistic goals

**Interested** in seeing how a visit to The Historic Cast Hall could fit your curriculum?

Contact **Mollie Wohlforth, Cast Hall Fellow** to discuss how our collection could complement and build on your student's learning!

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