

# The Art Museum

## Descriere

The Art Museum of Craiova is located right in the center of the town and has its headquarters in the splendid palace of the Mihail family, from Calea Unirii no. 15. This imposing building was built between 1900 and 1907, following the plans of the French architect Paul Gottereau, at the command of Constantin Mihail's family, which at that time was one of the richest families in Romania. For the construction of the palace they used the highest quality materials and foreign craftsmen, generally Italians established in the Oltenia region, the architect responsible for the supervision of the works being the Italian Constantino Cichi. In total, the Palace has 29 rooms, plus outbuildings. This building is a true masterpiece of architecture, managing to attract the entire admiration of the visitors through the perfection and harmony of the dimensions, through the delicate lines, but also firm and well contoured. The Art Museum has been operating in this building since 1954. The establishment of the museum was based on a donation of art objects made to the town in 1908 by the Aman family, through a foundation. The museum collections increased during the interwar period through a series of acquisitions made by the town's mayoralty, as well as through donations of Nicolae Romanescu, Barbu Drugă, Jean Mihail or Nicolae Glogoveanu, all of them part of Craiova's greatest rich and philanthropists. Currently the Museum has a valuable and rich cultural heritage consisting of about 12,000 works of art. The patrimony is taken over by the Oltenia Museum in 1950, and in 1954 all these cultural and artistic values were to become the foundation of the current art museum, with its own status. Thus, after being for many years the host of the most important people of the time, or the seat of political events in Romania and Europe, the former residence of the Mihail family became a Museum of art, being an occasion of joy and excitement for all who have the privilege of visiting it.

## Galerie



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