



# THE FREER HOUSE

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An International Landmark



Whistler Gallery Rendering.  
**Future**

## The Freer House Whistler Gallery Restoration Project

Decades of unfortunate alterations have changed Freer’s historic “Whistler Gallery” into a space nearly unrecognizable from its original 1906 character. The room, originally designed to exhibit some of Freer’s collection of priceless Whistler paintings together with a selection of his exceptional Asian art objects, was considered one of the finest private art galleries in the nation.

Our goal is to remove the multiple layers of alterations and restore this significant space to its original character, with new uses as an exhibition and ‘state of the art’ conference room, to serve Merrill-Palmer Skillman Institute, Wayne State University and the community.

The plan includes conference and meeting support functions such as a small pantry, additional barrier free restroom, storage room and a new elevator to meet current code.

The Whistler Gallery Project is the most ambitious initiative to date to restore the interior of the Freer House while creating a contemporary yet historically compatible new use.

Join us in this exciting endeavor!

For more information on the project or to receive a copy of *The Whistler Gallery Restoration Study* contact:  
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Whistler Gallery, 2014.  
**Today**



Merrill-Palmer nursery school students nap in the Whistler Gallery, ca. 1930s.



Whistler Gallery, 1906.  
**Past**