

# Orange County Museum of Art

COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

YEAR 2018–2022

SIZE 52,000 SF

USE Exhibition environments, office space, retail, public gathering spaces, roof terraces, outdoor seating, dining, events, art installations

THEMES Destination Attraction  
Regional Expression  
Native + Adaptive Planting

Designed by Morphosis Architects, the new museum is located at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, a massive campus of performance venues and public spaces that create a vibrant cultural destination in Costa Mesa. Complementing and responding to the existing campus facilities, the museum is a container for flexible exhibition environments, with dedicated space for educational programming, offices, museum shop, cafeteria and areas for public gathering, both inside and out. The strong relationship between indoor and outdoor space encourages visitors to immerse themselves in the southern California climate.



- + A grand entry plaza sits at grade, welcoming visitors with a monumental sculpture by Richard Serra.
- + A large rooftop terrace hosts installations and events, including outdoor film screenings, concert performances and dining.
- + The east side of the terrace anchors a sweeping staircase that provides an inviting gathering space to sit and overlook the entry plaza.
- + The planting design features a selection of regionally-appropriate plants that give continuation to a palette that extends beyond the project.
- + An allee of large evergreen trees march along the edge of the terrace, giving the museum a unique street presence.

