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**Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis and Renegade STL partner to offer
Urban Planning tours**



Downtown St. Louis from the Gateway Arch. Photo: NPS

May 11, 2017 (St. Louis, MO) – The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM) and Renegade STL announce a series of tours of the city and region to be offered in conjunction with the Museum exhibition *Urban Planning: Art and the City 1967–2017*, this summer. CAM and Renegade STL partner to provide multiple perspectives of St. Louis art, architecture, culture, and social history.

Urban Planning explores momentous social upheavals—the Civil Rights Movement, gentrification, de-industrialization, white flight, the emptying of American cities, and the expansion of the suburbs—through the work of twenty-four major artists. With art that offers reflection and commentary upon the Pruitt-Igoe housing complex, the legacy of segregation, and the dreams of a new urban ecosystem, St. Louis provides a through line for the exhibition, connecting with analogous urban centers across the country. The CAM/Renegade STL tours provide a bridge between the ideas, concepts, and artistic inquiries within the museum and the brick, mortar, and residue of urban transformation across the St. Louis landscape.

Renegade STL guides and members of CAM’s staff will give their insights into the causes and effects of development in the city and beyond. Tours are estimated to last two hours, with both bus and walking tours scheduled. For details and registration visit camstl.org/renegade.

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CAM is free. Visit often!

Tour No. 1: St. Louis City-North & South (Bus tour)

Sat, May 20, 3:00–5:00 pm

From Carondelet to the Arch, from Fairgrounds Park to Forest Park, learn about the interrelationships between the city’s architecture, culture, and social history.

Tour No. 2: Downtown (Walking tour)

Sat, Jun 10, 11:00 am–1:00 pm

A St. Louis time-travel experience—moving through Downtown when it was a colonial fur trading village, to the booming Gilded Age, and finally landing amidst the outline of the urban planning decisions of the mid-twentieth century.

Tour No. 3: New Town, St. Charles (Bus tour)

Sat, Jul 29, 11:00 am–1:00 pm

The latest permutation in suburban living is New Town in St. Charles County. With a trip along the first freeway in America, there’s time to discuss the invention of suburbia, the issues of racial desegregation that provoked “white flight,” and the socioeconomic and psychological effects of suburban living.

Tour No. 4: Old North (Walking tour)

Sat, Aug. 12, 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Learn about Old North St. Louis in the context of the history of the region, highlighting the importance of the neighborhood in the development of the city, issues related to space, place, historic preservation, displacement, and transformation.

Renegade STL Tours Subscription: \$65

Tour No. 1: St. Louis City-North & South \$25; \$20 members

Tour No. 2: Downtown \$15

Tour No. 3: New Town, St. Charles \$25; \$20 members

Tour No. 4: Old North \$15



Founded in 2012, Renegade STL offers fresh, original, off-beat tours of the grand history and architecture of St. Louis. Renegade guides are a self-described collective of nerds united by their love of the city and a desire to share their Renegade perspectives of it.

About Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM) presents, supports, and celebrates the art of our time. It is the premier museum in St. Louis dedicated to contemporary art. Focused on a dynamic array of changing exhibitions, CAM provides a thought-provoking program that reflects and contributes to the global cultural landscape.

Through the diverse perspectives offered in its exhibitions, public programs, and educational initiatives, CAM actively engages a range of audiences to challenge their perceptions. It is a site for discovery, a gathering place in which to experience and enjoy contemporary visual culture. CAM is located in the Grand Center Arts District.



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