

# CRITICAL PRAISE

## FOR THE AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM

*"The Visionary Art Museum provides America with its most essential, innovative cultural experience. Baltimore is privileged to have such a great institution. All our cities should participate in the vital, invaluable, unique perspective it provides."*

—COLIN EISLER, NYU INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS

*"Many local art lovers think that Washington's best museum is in Baltimore, specifically the stockpile of offbeat genius and piercing obsessions known as the American Visionary Art Museum."*

—WASHINGTON POST

*AVAM is listed #1 in the "Top 10 places to see before you're 10" list—the only museum ranked alongside national treasures like Niagara Falls, Muir Redwood Forest, and the Grand Canyon.*

—TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE

*"Baltimore, home of the first American Museum in 1786, is since (November, 1995) home to the most innovative: the delightful American Visionary Art Museum."*

—THE ECONOMIST

*"The American Visionary Art Museum is my favorite museum. I love this museum."*

—MATT GROENING, "WHAT MAKES US SMILE?" CO-CURATOR

*"AVAM is more than a museum for untrained artists. It is even more than just a museum. It is an artistic vision of better people in a better world."*

—HOWARD ROSENBLOOM, PHILANTHROPIST

*"I was born and grew up in England, my parents are from India, I live part of the time in Santa Barbara, California and part of the time near Kyoto, Japan...and I have never found anywhere a place like this glorious museum . . . where there's a real sense of vision and such beauty, such vibrancy, such excitement, color and imagination."*

—PICO IYER, TRAVEL WRITER AND JOURNALIST

*"[AVAM] allows you to become intimate with the artwork in a profound way. The works on display give a concrete shape to the impermanent things such as dreams, imagination, and vision."*

—ART & ANTIQUES MAGAZINE

*"This IS a wonderful place, isn't it!"*

—ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU

*"This is a museum of infectious high spirits...a celebration of the infinite permutations of the creative spirit . . . a galloping success."*

—CATHERINE FOX, THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

*Patricia Schultz. Author of "1,000 Places to See Before You Die," curates our global museum collection covering . . . AVAM is ranked among the top 30 Must-See Global Museums along with the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, The Hermitage in St. Petersburg, and Museum of Modern Art in New York.*

—DELTA SKY MAGAZINE