

## **Egnyte Customer Case Study: The National Ornamental Metal Museum**

### **Metal Museum Finds Fusion in Cloud File Server**

We tend to think of museums as quiet places where we admire the work of artisans in reverent near silence. However, moving from creation to public display involves the effort and coordination of many people.

The small but mighty team at The National Ornamental Metal Museum fully understands the challenges of coordinating the business of art. The Metal Museum is a non-profit organization that has the unique distinction of being the only fine art metal institution in the U.S. that preserves and promotes metalwork. The dedicated team of nine works hard to preserve the mission and vision of the organization.

The team's computer knowledge and experience ranges from expert to non-technical, which added to the challenge of sharing, coordinating and distributing large files.

The Metal Museum has a permanent collection of 3000 objects, dating back 500 years. They also have traveling exhibitions and produce large commissions. An artist in residence, public sculptor garden, and classes add to the need for organization and efficiency.

Prior to selecting Egnyte, the museum did not have a central portal for document collaboration and file storage. Large files, graphics and documents were stored on disparate drives and CDs across departments within the organization. When organizing a big show where multiple people needed access to photos and documents for websites, magazines and more, file sharing was neither easy nor seamless.

Curatorial and Marketing Assistant, Joel Parsons knew the team desperately needed a system for centralized storage and Egnyte's cloud file server offered the perfect solution.

The team now uses Egnyte, to store all of their files. Technical and non-technical team members easily navigate the online interface. The Executive Director even accesses the file server from her iPhone while traveling.

With a central cloud file server that is easy to use, document collaboration has become a streamlined process. Efficiencies across the team have improved significantly. With the data centralized, everyone on the team has access to needed information, eliminating the need to ask for and manually share information. The team also finds that interoffice projects

run much smoother. With everyone informed, it is much easier jump across departments with ideas.

The team has also reduced their document costs since they are able to view and change documents on the Egnyte cloud file server. They no longer have to burn CDs, purchase flash drives or print documents in order to share information.

The Metal Museum claims they will never go back to the dark ages before Egnyte. Like metal, they find the cloud file server to be a pliable tool that perfectly suits their needs.

How do you manage complex inter-department projects? Has progress ever been delayed by the inability to share information?