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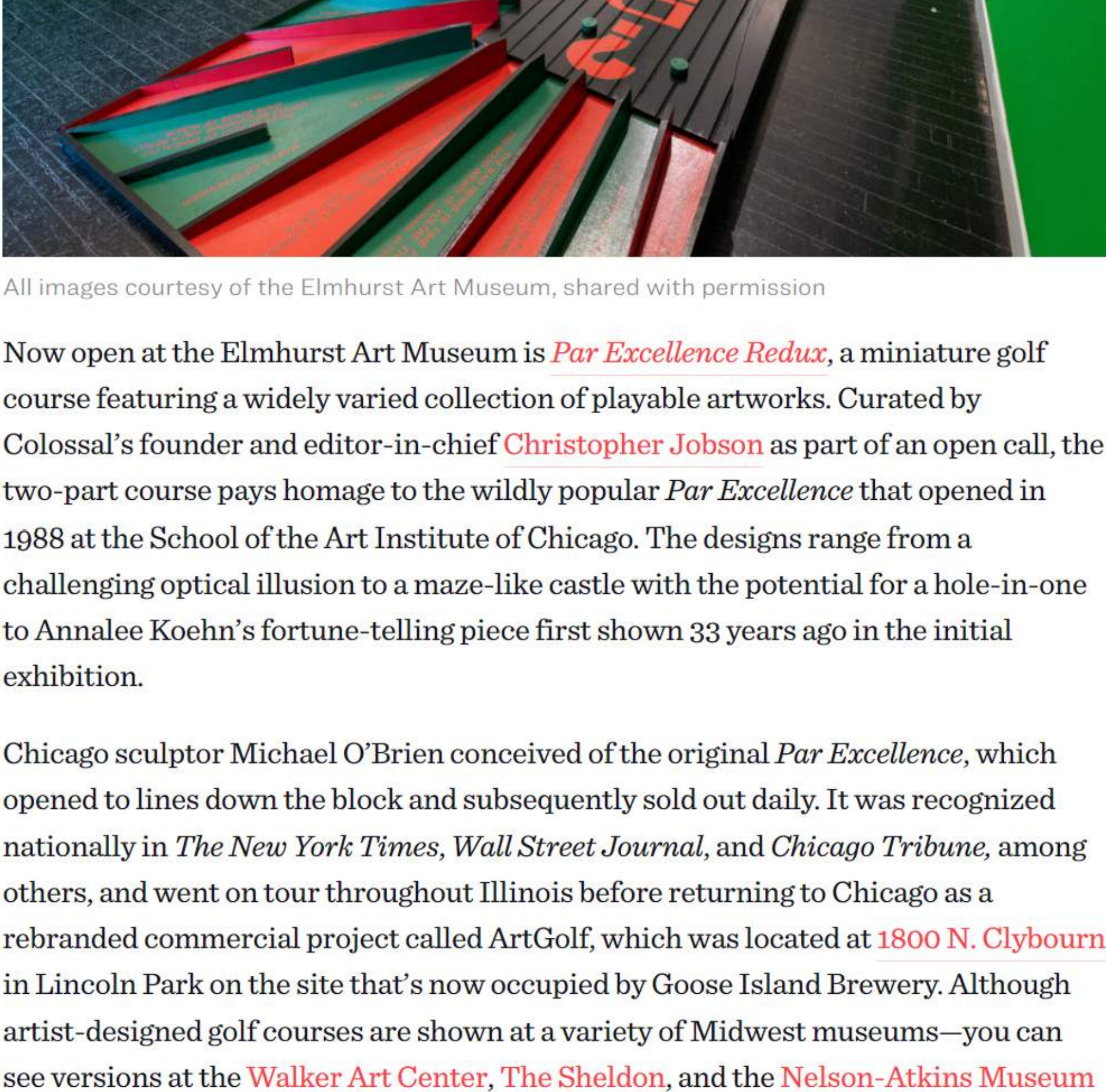
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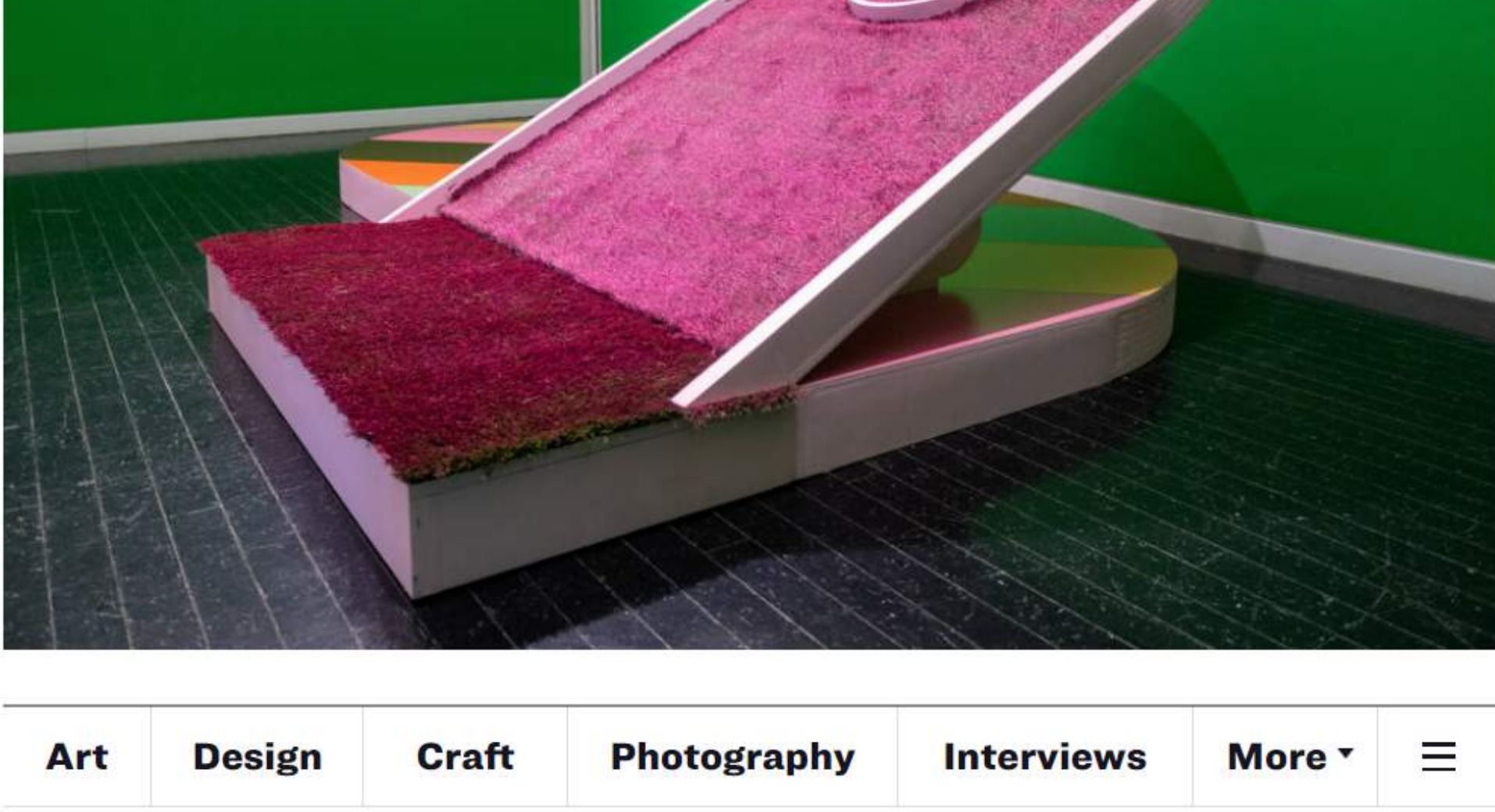
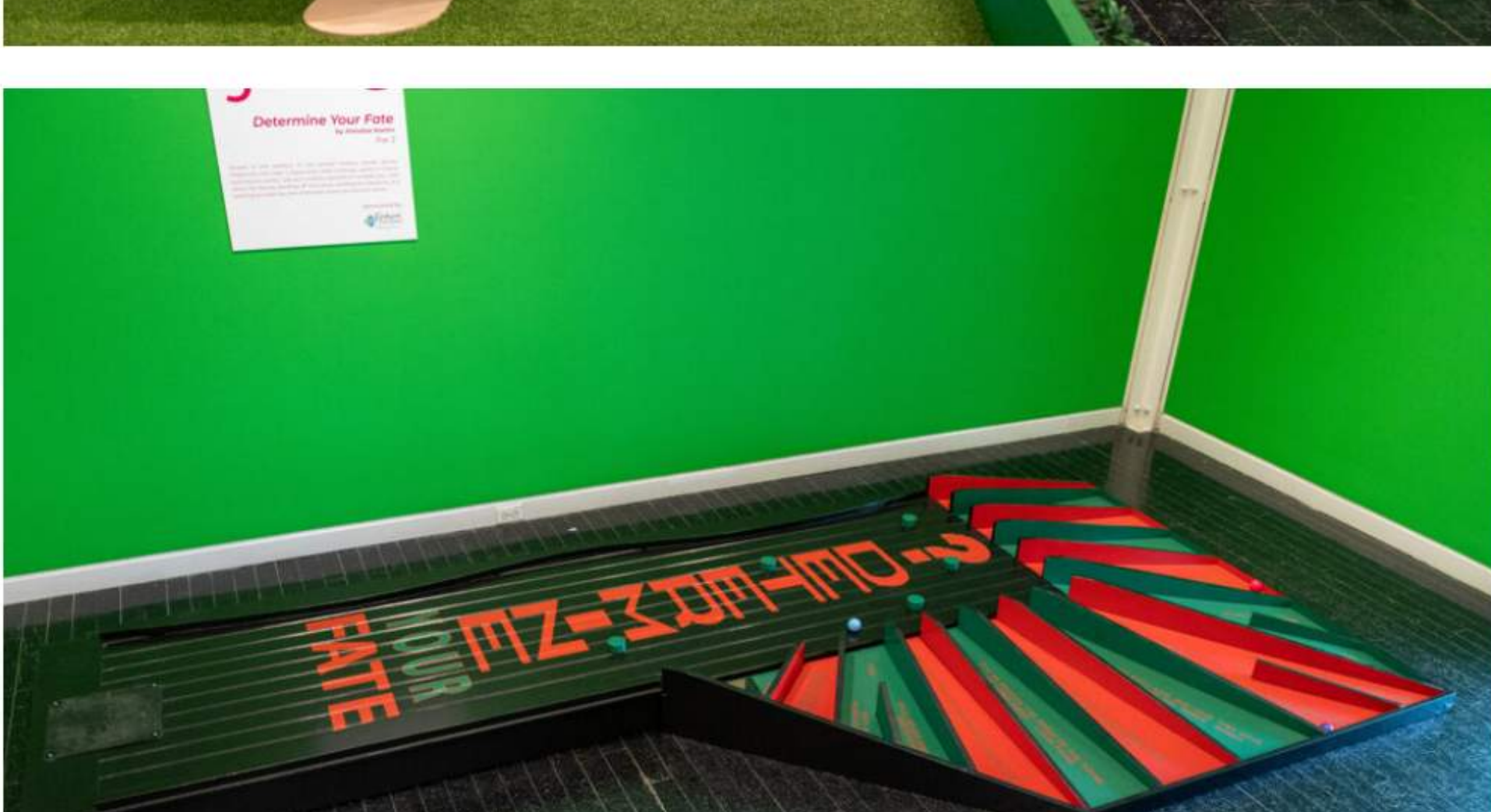
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Now open at the Elmhurst Art Museum is *Par Excellence Redux*, a miniature golf course featuring a widely varied collection of playable artworks. Curated by Colossal’s founder and editor-in-chief **Christopher Jobson** as part of an open call, the two-part course pays homage to the wildly popular *Par Excellence* that opened in 1988 at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. The designs range from a challenging optical illusion to a maze-like castle with the potential for a hole-in-one to Annalee Koehn’s fortune-telling piece first shown 33 years ago in the initial exhibition.

Chicago sculptor Michael O’Brien conceived of the original *Par Excellence*, which opened to lines down the block and subsequently sold out daily. It was recognized nationally in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Chicago Tribune*, among others, and went on tour throughout Illinois before returning to Chicago as a rebranded commercial project called ArtGolf, which was located at **1800 N. Clybourn** in Lincoln Park on the site that’s now occupied by Goose Island Brewery. Although artist-designed golf courses are shown at a variety of Midwest museums—you can see versions at the **Walker Art Center**, **The Sheldon**, and the **Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art**—*Par Excellence* is widely regarded as the first.

The Front 9, which runs through September 26, features artists **Julie Cowan**, Current Projects, **Andrea Jablonski & Stolatis Inc.**, **Annalee Koehn**, **Latent Design**, **Jesse Meredith**, **Gautam Rao**, Robin Schwartzman & Tom Loftus (aka **A Couple of Putts**), and the museum’s **Teen Art Council**. Open October 13, 2021, to January 2, 2022, *The Back 9* shows work from artists **Wesley Baker**, **KT Duffy**, **Eve Fineman**, **Joshua Kirsch**, **Annalee Koehn**, **Vincent Lotesto**, **Joshua Lowe**, **Jim Merz**, **David Quednau**, and **Liam Wilson & Anna Gershon**.

Try your hand at the first nine holes by heading over to Elmhurst’s site to **book a tee time**, and remember that **Colossal Members** get 25% off.



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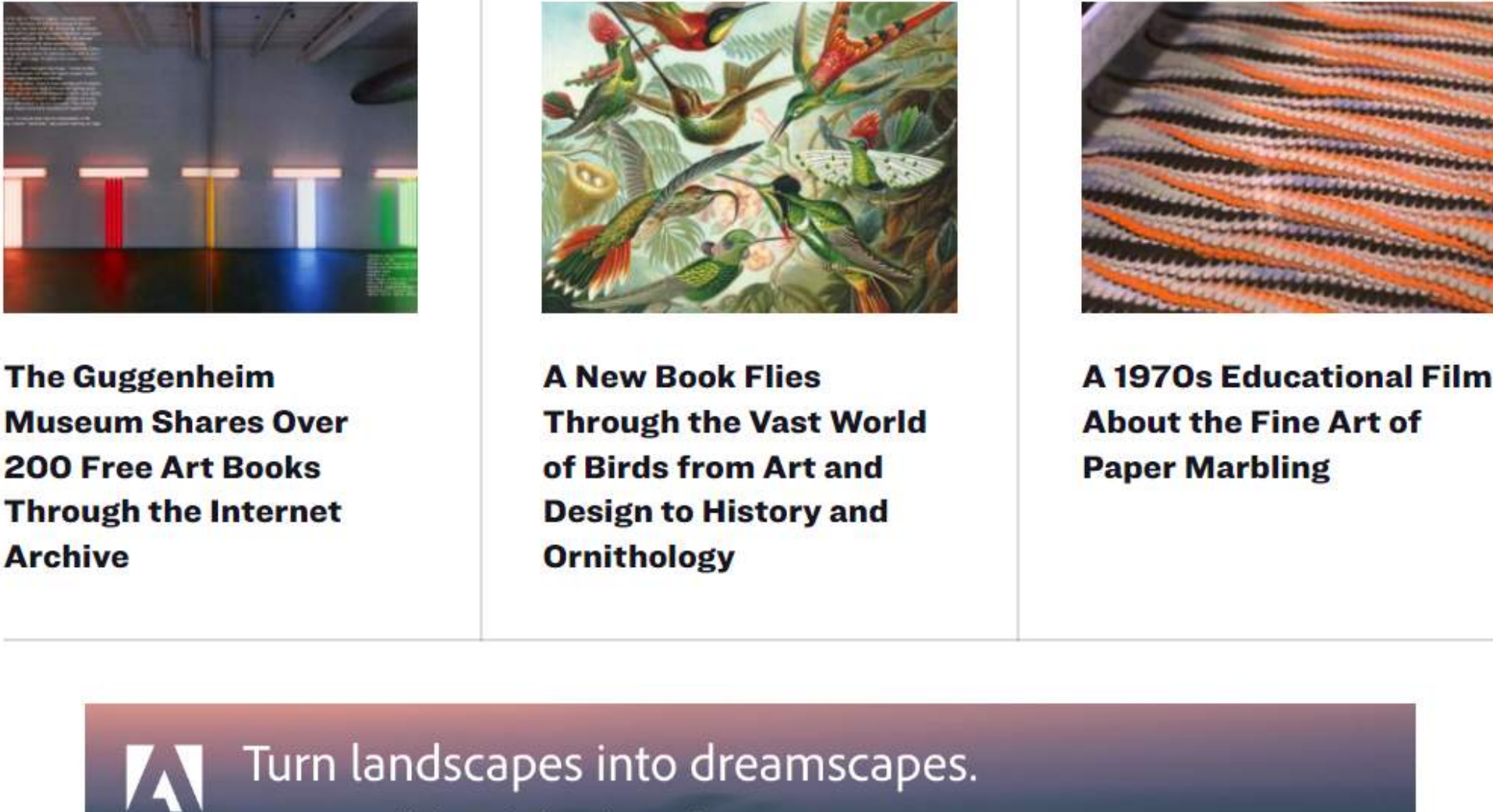
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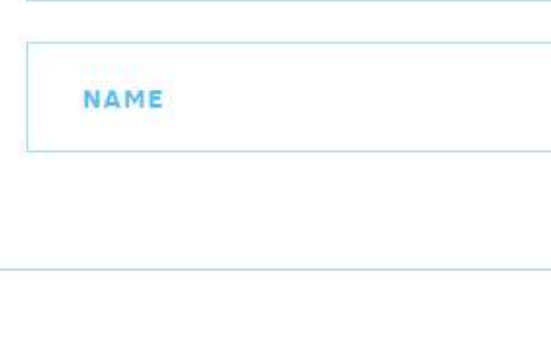
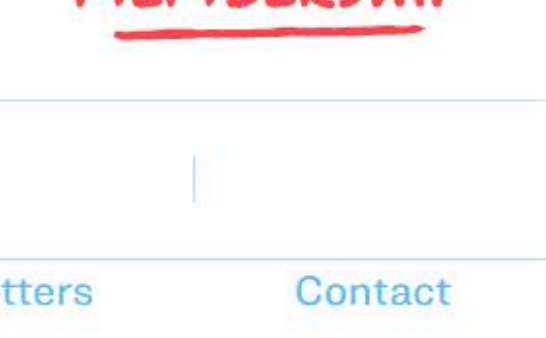
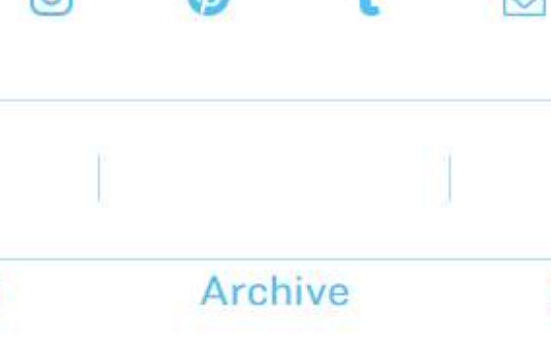


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