Museum Council
2021–22
Join Boston’s vibrant group of young arts and culture enthusiasts

Each level of Museum Council membership offers a range of exciting benefits, outlined in the following pages. To join the Museum Council or renew your membership, visit mfa.org/council

The Museum Council is one of the Museum’s most passionate and devoted communities. As thanks for your crucial support, we are pleased to present the 2021–22 season. Each program is designed to bring you closer to the MFA’s collection, staff, and fellow young philanthropists.

As we work together toward a strong future for the MFA, I hope you will join us as often as you can and share what you love about the Museum with others.

Thank you for your generous commitment to furthering our mission.

Matthew Teitelbaum
Ann and Graham Gund Director
Levels and Benefits

Museum Council Membership Benefits
• Twelve months of complimentary admission to visit the general collection
• Reciprocal admission benefits at 22 major art museums
• 15% discount at all MFA dining venues
• 10% discount at all MFA Shop locations—in stores and online
• Complimentary parking for Museum Council events, and up to 40% off on parking when visiting the Museum
• Discounted tickets to lectures, courses, concerts, films, and additional guest tickets
• Recognition in the Annual Report
• Additional benefits based on member level

Patron | $3,000 or more/year
Membership for two adults ages 21–49
All the benefits of the Fellow level, plus:
• Daily general admission for up to six adults and four youths (ages 7–17)
• Twelve complimentary tickets per special exhibition
• Specialized access and learning opportunities with MFA curators, expert staff, and conservators
• Opportunity to visit a Boston-area private collection
• Invitations to all Museum Council Member, Fellow, and Patron events (admits two)
• The chance to attend select Patron Program events (admits two)
$260 per person, $520 per couple is not tax deductible

Fellow | $1,200 to $2,999/year
Membership for two adults ages 21–45
All the benefits of the Member level, plus:
• Eight complimentary tickets per special exhibition
• Unique gatherings led by MFA curators and other special guests focused on art appreciation and connoisseurship
• The chance to learn more about the collections with Curators Circles
• Opportunities to join MFA travel programs*
• Invitations to all Museum Council Member and Fellow events (admits two)
$190 per person, $380 per couple is not tax deductible

Member | $600 to $1,199/year
Membership for two adults ages 21–45
• Daily general admission for up to four adults and four youths (ages 7–17)
• Six complimentary tickets per special exhibition
• Discounted tickets for additional guests
• Invitations to all Museum Council Member events (admits two)
$130 per person, $260 per couple is not tax deductible

Associate | $300 to $599/year
Membership for one adult ages 21–26
• Daily general admission for up to two adults and four youths (ages 7–17)
• Four complimentary tickets per special exhibition
• Discounted tickets for additional guests
• Invitations to all Museum Council Member events (admits one)
$130 per person is not tax deductible

* MFA Travel is not scheduling trips for the Museum Council during the 2021–22 season. We look forward to sharing plans for future travel opportunities soon.

Choose Your Circle!
Museum Council Patrons and Fellows are eligible to join Curators Circles. Choose from 15 groups to gain a deeper look into MFA collection areas with curators and other experts. Get closer to your MFA and help the Museum fund a future full of art. For more information, visit mfa.org/curatorscircles
2021–22 Events

Museum Council membership includes invitations to exclusive events where you can discover the MFA’s expansive collections with curatorial staff and other special guests.

Patron Events

How to Collect African and Oceanic Art
Thursday, October 14, 2021, Evening
VIRTUAL
Hear from Adenike Cosgrove, founder of the website ÌMÔ DÁRA, and Steven Alpert, founder of the educational platform Art of the Ancestors, as they share insights into collecting African and Oceanic art in a conversation with Kathryn Wysocki Gunsch, Teel Curator for African and Oceanic Art. Co-organized with Curators Circles: Art of Africa and Oceania.

Up Close: Conservation Center
Thursday, April 7, 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
An exclusive tour of the recently opened Conservation Center. Explore the new state-of-the-art space and hear from conservation staff about their recent and upcoming projects.

Fellow Events

Connoisseurship Seminar
Tuesday, February 1, 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
An annual favorite, choose from a selection of focused and lively curatorial talks followed by a reception.

New Light on Collecting and Displaying Contemporary Art
Spring 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
Join MFA curators, counterparts from similar comprehensive collections, and contemporary artists featured in “New Light” for an evening exploring the exhibition. Reception to follow. Co-organized with Curators Circles: Black Arts and Artists, and The Contemporaries.
Member Events

“Paper Stories, Layered Dreams: The Art of Ekua Holmes” Virtual Celebration
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, Evening
VIRTUAL

Join artist Ekua Holmes and exhibition curator Meghan Melvin, Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Curator of Design, to engage with the power of contemporary storytelling through Holmes’s artistic vision celebrated in the exhibition “Paper Stories, Layered Dreams.”

Women in Wine and Jewelry
Thursday, September 30, 2021, Evening, $55/ticket
IN PERSON: THE URBAN GRAPE

Join us at the Urban Grape in Boston’s South End for an evening of art and wine. Emily Stoehrer, Rita J. Kaplan and Susan B. Kaplan Curator of Jewelry, and TJ Douglas, founder and CEO of the Urban Grape, lead a lively program centered on female artists and wine producers. Please note that space is limited.

SMFA Traveling Fellows In Conversation
Wednesday, November 3, 2021, Evening
VIRTUAL

In celebration of this year’s SMFA Art Sale, join alumni artists Helina Metaferia and Samantha Nye as they talk about making their solo exhibitions at the MFA, “Generations” and “My Heart’s in a Whirl,” as part of the SMFA Traveling Fellows Program. Michelle Millar Fisher, Ronald C. and Anita L. Wornick Curator of Contemporary Decorative Arts, moderates the conversation.
Member Events (continued)

“Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories”
Virtual Celebration
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, Evening
VIRTUAL
Join exhibition curator Jennifer Swope, David and Roberta Logie Associate Curator, Textile and Fashion Arts, to celebrate this long-awaited display of 50 stunning quilts and bedcovers from the MFA’s renowned collection. From traditional quilts to the work of contemporary artists, marvel at the craftsmanship of innumerable unseen hands, revealing the many threads in the fabric of our nation.

New Year Welcome Back Event
Tuesday, January 11, 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
Reunite with fellow Council members and celebrate everything you love about the MFA! Spend an evening visiting newly opened galleries and exhibitions you may have missed. Reception to follow. Co-organized with Corporate Membership.

The Curatorial Dinner: An Evening with Christopher Atkins
Wednesday, February 23, 2022, Evening, $125/ticket
IN PERSON
Spend an evening gaining a deeper look at the MFA’s new Center for Netherlandish Art with Christopher Atkins, Van Otterloo-Weatherbie Director, Center for Netherlandish Art. A private seated dinner follows. Please note that space is limited.
Member Events (continued)

Open House: “Philip Guston Now”
Tuesday, May 17, 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
Meet up with other members of the Museum Council at the MFA for an opportunity to take a closer look at “Philip Guston Now” in the exhibition’s early weeks.

“Turner’s Modern World” Virtual Celebration
Tuesday, May 24, 2022, Evening
VIRTUAL
Join exhibition curators Frederick Ilchman, Mrs. Russell W. Baker Curator of Paintings; and Julia Welch, assistant curator, Paintings, Art of Europe, to celebrate the MFA’s first exhibition dedicated to the paintings and watercolors of J. M. W. Turner: a visionary painter who reconsidered how art should represent the rapidly changing world of the 19th century.

“Philip Guston Now” Virtual Celebration
Wednesday, June 29, 2022, Evening
VIRTUAL
Join exhibition curators Ethan Lasser, John Moors Cabot Chair, Art of the Americas; Kate Nesin, guest curator; and Terence Washington, curatorial fellow, to celebrate this intensively reimagined survey of Philip Guston’s paintings. Consider the rich, ongoing questions raised by the work of one of the 20th century’s most influential artists. Guston was certain that painting was the way to make sense of injustice and suffering he saw in the world, even as he had doubts about its efficacy.
Join or Renew
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Planning to renew year after year? Join our convenient renewal program by checking “Automatic Renewal” online, on your reply form—or call the Museum Council Office for more information.

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Event Tips
Invitations to Museum Council events are sent by e-mail only. Please provide a valid e-mail address so you don’t miss any invitations and updates!

Unless otherwise noted, Museum Council events are complimentary with your membership, but space at these events is limited and not guaranteed. The event schedule is subject to change. The 2021–22 season features both virtual and in-person events.
