Patrons are integral to the MFA community

The past 18 months have been extraordinary—locally, nationally, and internationally. During that time, the MFA was able to respond to evolving events and circumstances to help Patrons and the broader MFA community safely engage with art and culture. We could not have accomplished all that we did without the support of the Patron Program. Because that’s what members of a community do—they support each other in extraordinary times.

Being an MFA Patron is a chance to be part of a community that:
• supports human creativity and artistic expression;
• values cultural diversity; and
• believes that the arts are a vital part of a healthy and thriving society.

The Patron Program, one of the MFA’s most valued groups of friends and supporters, is your opportunity to enjoy an exceptional experience and a wide range of unique privileges. Patrons are the first to explore the MFA’s world-class exhibitions, get special access to our renowned collections, and receive invitations throughout the year to exclusive opening celebrations, curatorial talks, and tours.

Support across all levels of Patron membership provides essential unrestricted funding for the Museum—almost $7 million annually. The Patron Program underwrites key exhibitions and programs that bring people and art together in a way that opens both eyes and lives. Patron support quite literally sustains the Museum, enabling us to deliver core programs and connect with our community on the deepest level.

Whether you are a current or prospective Patron, we invite you to explore the robust programming and events for our 2021–22 season.

If you have questions or want to learn more, the Museum’s Patron office is here to help! Please call 617-369-3211 or e-mail patronprogram@mfa.org.

Matthew Teitelbaum
ANN AND GRAHAM GUND DIRECTOR

Alice Galakatos
CHAIR, PATRON PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Join or renew today
Visit mfa.org/patron

Review this brochure for benefits associated with each level of membership and join or renew your membership via the enclosed card or at mfa.org/patron.

Levels

Chairman’s Circle Patron
$100,000 or more

President’s Circle Patron
$50,000 to $99,999

Director’s Circle Patron
$30,000 to $49,999

Patron Sponsor
$12,000 to $29,999

Patron Fellow
$6,000 to $11,999

Patron Member
$3,000 to $5,999

New! Sample the Patron experience with an Advocate membership

Advocate
$1,200 to $2,999
See page 16 for details

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Patron Privileges
An Unparalleled Experience

Chairman’s Circle Patron
Contributing $100,000 or more
• Thirty complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
• Opportunity to host an intimate cocktail party for up to ten guests at the MFA with the curator and collection of your choice
• Complimentary valet parking
• Complimentary annual membership in a Curators Circle of your choosing
• All benefits at the President’s Circle level

Patron Sponsor
Contributing $12,000–$29,999
• Sixteen complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
• Invitations to all Patron Sponsor events and learning opportunities
• Ability to rent space at the MFA to host your private event with a 50% discount on the reservation fee
• All benefits at the Patron Fellow level

Patron Fellow
Contributing $6,000–$11,999
• Fourteen complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
• Invitations to all Patron Fellow events and learning opportunities
• All benefits at the Patron Member level

Patron Member
Contributing $3,000–$5,999
• Daily general admission for up to six adults and four youths (ages 7–17)
• Twelve complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
• Discounted tickets for additional guests
• Invitations to all Patron Member events and learning opportunities

President’s Circle Patron
Contributing $50,000–$99,999
• Twenty complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
• A complimentary exhibition catalogue selected by MFA staff
• All benefits at the Director’s Circle level

Director’s Circle Patron
Contributing $30,000–$49,999
• Unlimited admission for you and your guests and up to four youths (ages 7–17)
• Eighteen complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
• Invitations to all Director’s Circle events and learning opportunities
• Invitation to join the Ann and Graham Gund Director for a special travel opportunity*
• Ability to rent space at the MFA to host your private event with the reservation fee fully waived and/or to host a wedding at the MFA (as the couple or the parents of the couple)
• All benefits at the Patron Sponsor level

All Patron Program members receive
• Free admission to the collections and all exhibitions
• Presale access to timed tickets for special exhibitions
• A direct phone line and e-mail address to reach staff dedicated to personally handling your special requests
• Reciprocal admission benefits at 22 major art museums
• Opportunities to travel with curators*
• Recognition in the Annual Report
• Parking discount of up to 40%
• 15% discount at all Museum dining venues
• 10% discount at MFA shops, in stores and online
• A twice-yearly newsletter with updates on exhibitions, programs, and events, with specific information for Patrons
• Opportunity to join Curators Circles—a special way for members to learn about the MFA’s collections

Host a Private Event at the MFA
An additional privilege of Patron membership at the Museum includes the ability to host your own exclusive private event. Patrons who participate in the Patron Program with an annual donation of $12,000 receive a 50% discount on the MFA reservation fee; with an annual donation of $30,000 or higher, the entire MFA reservation fee is waived.

Tie the Knot at the MFA
Director’s Circle, President’s Circle, and Chairman’s Circle Patrons have the additional opportunity to host a wedding at the MFA (as either the couple or the parents of the couple). Please contact Restaurant Associates/Catering for additional information at 617-369-3115.

Please note that benefits and privileges of Patron membership cannot be transferred to Corporations. For more information about the Museum’s Corporate partnerships opportunities please visit mfa.org/corporate

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Curators Circles
All Patrons are eligible to join Curators Circles. Choose from among 15 groups to gain deeper insight into MFA collection areas with curators and other experts. Access to Curators Circles is a benefit of elevated membership. Get closer to your MFA and help the Museum fund a future full of art.

For more information, visit mfa.org/curatorscircles

Choose Your Circle!
Patron Events
Stay engaged!

Invitations to events admit two and are sent by e-mail in advance of each event. To RSVP, kindly follow the instructions in the invitation. The Patron Program is pleased to offer complimentary parking at all in-person Patron events.

Chairman’s Circle, President’s Circle, and Director’s Circle Patrons

Contributing $30,000 to $100,000 or more

Chairman’s Circle, President’s Circle, and Director’s Circle Patrons receive invitations to these exclusive events, in addition to all Patron Sponsor, Fellow, and Member events (see pages 9–15).

Director’s Holiday Party

Sunday, December 12, 2021, Evening
IN PERSON
Join Ann and Graham Gund Director Matthew Teitelbaum and MFA Trustees to celebrate the holiday season at the home of Lisbeth Tarlow, chair emerita, and Stephen Kay.

Private Collection Visit

Spring 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
Chairman’s Circle, President’s Circle, and Director’s Circle Patrons are invited to join Ann and Graham Gund Director Matthew Teitelbaum to view a private collection in the greater Boston area, accompanied by an MFA curator.

The Fine Wine Dinner

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
Join Frederick Ilchman, Chair and Mrs. Russell W. Baker Curator of Paintings, Art of Europe; and Julia Welch, assistant curator, Paintings, Art of Europe, for a tour of “Turner’s Modern World.” The evening features a seated dinner, with thoughtfully paired regional wines and tasting led by TJ Douglas, founder and CEO of the Urban Grape.

This evening is generously supported by Sotheby’s.
Patron Sponsors

Contributing $12,000 to $29,999

Patron Sponsors receive invitations to these special events, in addition to all Patron Fellow and Member events (see pages 10–15).

Black Women of Print
Monday, November 8, 2021, Evening
VIRTUAL

Black Women of Print was founded by artist Tanekeya Word in 2018 as a “homeplace for Black women printmakers” with the objective “to create an equitable future within the discipline of printmaking.” Join Word and artist Stephanie Santana for a conversation about Black Women of Print’s vision and to hear about the group’s inaugural portfolio, Continuum, which was recently acquired by the MFA, and the development of its second portfolio for release in late 2021.

This is a joint event with Curators Circles: Prints and Drawings.

Pictures of a Changing Nation:
Real Photo Postcards from the Lauder Collection
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, Evening
IN PERSON

Join Benjamin Weiss, Leonard A. Lauder Senior Curator of Visual Culture, for an exploration of life in the United States in the early 20th century through the almost infinitely detailed images in the exhibition. A seated dinner follows.
Patron Fellows
Contributing $6,000 to $11,999

Patron Fellows receive invitations to these special events, in addition to all Patron Member events (see pages 13–15).

A Cross-Country Craft Odyssey
Wednesday, October 27, 2021, Evening
VIRTUAL
Over the coming year, Michelle Millar Fisher, Ronald C. and Anita L. Wornick Curator of Contemporary Decorative Arts, will travel across the US to meet living craft artists and makers in their homes, studios, and communities to seek out ideas and issues driving their practice. Where possible, Fisher will bring examples of their work back to the MFA. Join her to find out more about her route, her plans for the trip, and her reasons for making the journey.

Connoisseurship Seminar
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
A perennial Patron Fellow favorite, the Connoisseurship Seminar features five sessions led by MFA curators to help sharpen your eye and expand your appreciation of fine art. A dinner reception featuring five food and drink pairings follows.
Patron Members
Contributing $3,000 to $5,999

“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.”

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 the process of making their solo exhibitions at the MFA. “Generations” and “My Heart’s in a Whirl,” as part of the SMFA Traveling Fellows Program. The conversation will be moderated by Michelle Millar Fisher, Ronald C. and Anita L. Wornick Curator of Contemporary Decorative Arts.

Patron Season Opener
Tuesday, September 28, 2021, Evening
VIRTUAL
Join us for an evening of Dutch and Flemish art as we celebrate the launch of the Center for Netherlandish Art (CNA). Go on a live virtual tour of our brand-new CNA Library and Forum, and get a preview of the expanded, newly renovated galleries for Dutch and Flemish Art. Our experts will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

“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 work of innumerable unseen hands and the power of the medium to reach across boundaries, revealing the many threads that make up the fabric of our nation.
Patron Members

Continued

Exploring the New Conservation Center
Tuesday, March 15, 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
Back by popular demand! Patrons are invited to learn about recent and upcoming projects with MFA conservators in the new state-of-the-art Conservation Center. View objects up close with conservators present to answer questions and explain the treatment process.

“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.

Patron Season Closer
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, Evening
IN PERSON
Join Ann and Graham Gund Director Matthew Teitelbaum as we gather to reflect on the past season and look ahead to fascinating upcoming projects and initiatives spearheaded by a dynamic group of MFA curators, educators, and leadership. A festive dinner reception follows as we toast the start of summer and the next Patron season.

“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 the injustice and suffering he saw in the world, even as he had doubts about its efficacy.

SOMETIMES PLANS CHANGE!
See the most up-to-date information for all Patron events and travel at mfa.org/patron.
New!
Sample the Patron experience with an Advocate membership

We are pleased to introduce a new level in the MFA’s suite of elevated memberships, which operates under the auspices of the Patron Program.

As an elevated level of membership, the Advocate Program represents an important source of annual income for the MFA. Our generous members contribute unrestricted operating funds and make possible the continued vitality of this great Museum.

In appreciation of your generous support, the MFA invites you to sample the Patron experience through invitations to a select group of events and programs designed to bring you closer to the core of the MFA, its collections, and staff.

Advocate
Contributing $1,200 to $2,999
Advocate-level members enjoy the following benefits:

- Daily Museum admission for up to six adults and four youths (ages 7–17)
- Eight complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
- Invitations to exhibition openings and a bonus Patron event
- Discounts of 10% off retail, 15% off dining, and up to 40% off on parking
- Presale access to timed tickets for special exhibitions
- Reciprocal admission benefits at 22 major art museums across the country
- Member events, including tours, curator talks, and family programs
- Opportunity to join Curators Circles (see page 5)
- Recognition in the MFA’s Annual Report

Advocate Events
Advocates receive invitations to the following exclusive events. Invitations to events are for two and are sent by e-mail in advance of each event. To RSVP, kindly follow the instructions in the invitation.

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