Museum Council

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

2022–23
Join Boston’s vibrant group of young arts and culture enthusiasts

The Museum Council is one of the most devoted, vibrant, and passionate communities here at the MFA. Your support is vital, and in recognition of your generosity, we are pleased to present the 2022–23 season. We hope that you will join us as often as you can and that you will share what you love about MFA Boston and the Museum Council with others. Your leadership and commitment is inspiring. Thank you sincerely for your belief in the mission and all you do for our Museum.

Matthew Teitelbaum
Ann and Graham Gund Director

Charlotte Zawel
Chair, Museum Council
Steering Committee

Each level of Museum Council membership offers a range of exciting benefits, outlined on the following pages.

To join or renew your membership, visit mfa.org/council

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Levels and Benefits
Join today!

Museum Council membership benefits

- Twelve months of complimentary admission to visit the MFA
- Early access to reserve special exhibition tickets
- Reciprocal admission benefits at 22 major art museums
- 15% discount at all MFA Boston dining venues
- 10% discount at all Shop locations, in the Museum and online
- Complimentary parking for Museum Council events and a parking discount of up to 40% when visiting the Museum
- Discounted tickets to lectures, courses, concerts, films, and additional guest tickets
- Invitations to Members-only hours and events
- Recognition in the Annual Report
- Additional benefits based on member level

Patron
► $3,000 or more/year
Membership for up to two adults, ages 21–49
All the benefits of the Fellow level, plus:
- Daily general admission for six adults and four youths (ages 7–17)
- Twelve complimentary tickets per special exhibition
- Specialized access and learning opportunities with MFA Boston 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)
$410 per person, $820 per couple is not tax deductible

Fellow
► $1,200 to $2,999/year
Membership for up to two adults, ages 21–45
All the benefits of the Member level, plus:
- Eight complimentary tickets per special exhibition
- Unique gatherings led by MFA Boston 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 Boston travel programs. See page 3 for details.
- Invitations to all Museum Council Fellow and Member events (admits two)
$250 per person, $500 per couple is not tax deductible

Member
► $600 to $1,199/year
Membership for up to two adults, ages 21–45
- Daily general admission for four adults and four youths (ages 7–17)
- Six complimentary tickets per special exhibition
- Invitations to all Museum Council Member events (admits two)
$310 per person, $620 per couple is not tax deductible

Associate
► $300 to $599/year
Membership for one adult, age 21–26
- Daily general admission for two adults and four youths (ages 7–17)
- Four complimentary tickets per special exhibition
- Invitations to all Museum Council Member events (admits one)
$250 is not tax deductible

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 Boston collection areas with curators and other experts.

Increase your impact with a matching gift!
Your company may double or triple your support of the Museum Council by matching your membership gift. Visit mfa.org/give/matching-gifts to see if your company will match your donation, and check with your employer’s Human Resources department for further details.

Travel is back!
Led by the Museum’s renowned curators, Museum Council members at the Patron and Fellow levels are invited to join our exclusive travel opportunities. To reserve your place, or to request additional information, please contact our Travel office at mfartravel@mfa.org.

► Print Week in New York City
Thursday 10/27/22—Saturday 10/29/22
Museum Council Patrons and Fellows are invited to join members of the Curators Circles: Prints and Drawings for an exciting weekend in New York City. Visits include VIP Preview of the International Fine Print Dealers Association Fair, the new International Print Center in Chelsea, and behind-the-scenes visits to museums, galleries, and studios.

► From Antiquity to Today: The History and Art of Provence
France, Spring 2023
Museum Council Patrons have the opportunity to join Reto Thüring, Beal Family Chair; Department of Contemporary Art; and Laure Marest, Cornelius and Emily Vermeule Associate Curator of Greek and Roman Art, on a spring tour of beautiful Provence. Known for its spectacular landscapes in the celebrated works of Vincent van Gogh and Paul Cézanne, Provence is also home to some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in Europe. In recent years, Provence has made a name for itself as a contemporary art destination with sites including Frank Gehry’s Luma Foundation and Villa La Coste. From the archeological sites of Nîmes to memorable encounters with contemporary art, our first international trip in nearly three years will not disappoint!

Tour participants must be members of MFA Boston at the Museum Council Patron or Fellow levels. Reservations are accepted in order of receipt. Every effort is made to adhere to the dates, pricing, and curatorial participants as listed. However, circumstances beyond our control may force changes or substitutions. MFA Boston reserves the right to make any necessary alterations to tours. MFA Boston and its travel partners reserve the right to cancel tours due to inadequate registrations and urge travelers not to book non-refundable airfare until tours have been confirmed by the Museum. In the event of a tour cancellation, any fees paid to the Museum or its travel partners will be refunded in full.
Museum Council membership includes invitations to exclusive events where you can discover the MFA’s expansive collections with our expert curators and other special guests.

**Patron Events**

**Up Close: “Stories Artists Tell: Art of the Americas, the 20th Century”**

► Wednesday 11/30/22 ► Evening

In a private tour with curators, explore the new installation on Level 3 of the Art of the Americas Wing. A reception follows.

**Up Close: “Cy Twombly: Making Past Present”**

► Thursday 2/2/23 ► Evening

Museum Council Patrons and Laurel Society members are invited to an exclusive tour of “Cy Twombly: Making Past Present.” Hear Christine Kondoleon, George D. and Margo Behrakis Chair, Art of Ancient Greece and Rome, discuss the inspiration of ancient Greek and Roman art in Cy Twombly’s work. A private reception follows.

Co-organized with Curators Circles: Laurel Society

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Fellow Events

Exhibition Celebration: “Frank Bowling’s Americas”
► Tuesday 10/25/22 ► Evening
Enjoy an evening of conversation giving deeper insight into the exhibition centered on artist Frank Bowling’s years in the United States, from 1966 to 1975. This exhibition is the first dedicated exploration of Bowling’s time in the US and first major survey of his work by an American museum in four decades.

Connoisseurship Seminar
► Wednesday 2/8/23 ► Evening
A signature event on the Museum Council calendar; choose from a selection of five curatorial talks. A dinner reception follows.
Member Events

Opening Reception: “LIFE Magazine and the Power of Photography”
► Monday 10/3/22 ► Evening
Celebrate the opening with Matthew Teitelbaum, Ann and Graham Gund Director; and exhibition curator Kristen Gresh, Estrellita and Yousuf Karsh Senior Curator of Photographs. Enjoy a first glimpse of this exhibition that brings together more than 180 objects from the visually revolutionary publication.

Exhibition Exploration: “The Obama Portraits Tour”
► Tuesday 10/18/22 ► Evening
A special night for the Museum Council to see the acclaimed portraits of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama while they are at the MFA—the seventh and final stop on the US tour. A reception follows.

Halloween at the MFA
► Saturday 10/29/22 ► Morning
We are thrilled to bring back this family-friendly event! Wear your costume and enjoy a morning of art-making activities, games, and Halloween-inspired treats.

Co-organized with the Patron Program

SMFA at Tufts Art Sale: Patrons of the Arts
► Thursday 11/3/22 ► Evening
Preview original artwork by undergraduates, graduates, faculty, and affiliated artists of the SMFA at Tufts University. Come discover your new favorite artist!

Amy Sherald. Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama (detail), 2018. Oil on linen. National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution. “The Obama Portraits Tour” has been organized by the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC. Support for the national tour has been generously provided by Bank of America. The National Portrait Gallery is grateful to the generous donors who made this commission possible and proudly recognizes them at npg.si.edu/obamaportraitstour. The Boston exhibition is generously supported by Carolyn and Peter Lynch and the Lynch Foundation; and Patti and Jonathan Kraft. Additional support from Susan Clark Livingston.
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Member Events (continued)

The Curatorial Dinner: An Evening with Karen Haas
► Thursday 1/19/23 ► Evening ► $125/ticket
Spend the evening with Karen E. Haas, Lane Senior Curator of Photographs; and special guest, artist David Hilliard, viewing “The Stillness of Things: Photographs from the Lane Collection.” A private seated dinner follows. Please note that space is limited.

Opening Reception: “Hokusai: Inspiration and Influence”
► Tuesday 3/21/23 ► Evening
Join Sarah E. Thompson, curator of Japanese Art, for a lecture to learn more about the latest exhibition of this legendary artist. A reception to celebrate the opening follows.
Co-organized with the Patron Program

Collecting Panel
► Tuesday 4/11/23 ► Evening
Pick up art collecting tips for all levels of collectors in a panel discussion led by Edward Saywell, chair, Prints and Drawings. A reception follows.

Season Closer
► Tuesday 5/16/23 ► Evening
Join fellow Museum Council members to end the season in style! Enjoy a festive evening at the Museum with a closer look at a new exhibition—more details to come.

Want to save time on your annual support of the Museum Council? Join our convenient renewal program by simply checking Automatic Renewal when you renew online or call the Museum Council Office for more information.

**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!

Museum Council events are complimentary with your membership unless otherwise noted, however space at these events is limited and not guaranteed. The event schedule is subject to change.

**Meet Ups**

Are you interested in meeting other members around the Boston area? In addition to our official calendar of events, members of the Museum Council periodically host Meet Ups—a chance to connect with each other and experience art in casual social settings. Information about upcoming gatherings are sent by e-mail.

**Stay Connected**

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