Patrons are integral to the MFA Boston community

Patrons represent the heart of philanthropy at MFA Boston. In return for your exceptional support, we are pleased to offer a roster of benefits and programs designed to bring you closer to the Museum you love with those who share your passion for art.

Becoming part of 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 range of unique privileges. Patrons are the first to explore our world-class exhibitions, get special access to the Museum’s 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—$7 million annually. Patron support touches every aspect of Museum life from exhibitions and educational programs to preserving great art from around the world. Your Patron gift quite literally allows MFA Boston to keep our doors open to all audiences, 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 2022–23 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.

We look forward to welcoming you at MFA Boston!

Matthew Teitelbaum
Ann and Graham Gund Director

Alice Galakatos
Chair, Patron Program Committee
Join or Renew Today!
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Review this brochure for benefits associated with each Patron level and join or renew your support 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
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Patron Sponsor $12,000 to $29,999
Patron Fellow $6,000 to $11,999
Patron Member $3,000 to $5,999

Sample the Patron experience with an Advocate membership:
Advocate $1,200 to $2,999

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Patron Benefits
In Gratitude for Your Support

Chairman’s Circle Patron
► Contributing $100,000 or more
- Presale access to thirty complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
- Opportunity to host an intimate cocktail party for up to ten guests at MFA Boston with the curator and collection of your choice
- 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
- Presale access to sixteen complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
- Invitations to two additional events and learning opportunities
- Ability to rent space at MFA Boston to host your private event with a 50% discount on the reservation fee
- All benefits at the Patron Sponsor level

Patron Fellow
► Contributing $6,000—$11,999
- Presale access to fourteen complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
- Invitations to two additional dedicated events and learning opportunities
- All benefits at the Patron Fellow level

President’s Circle Patron
► Contributing $50,000—$99,999
- Presale access to 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)
- Presale access to eighteen complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
- Invitations to three dedicated Director’s Circle events and learning opportunities
- Ability to rent space at MFA Boston to host your private event with the reservation fee fully waived and/or to host a wedding at MFA Boston (as the couple or the parents of the couple)
- All benefits at the Patron Sponsor level

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

All Patron Program Members Receive
- Free admission to the collections and all exhibitions
- Presale access to complimentary advance timed special exhibition tickets (quantities vary depending on membership level—see page 4). Members may reserve timed tickets online or over the phone and will receive them at their e-mail address.
- A direct phone line and e-mail address to reach staff dedicated to personally handling your special requests, including assistance with reserving special exhibition timed tickets
- 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 all Shop locations, in the Museum and online
- Special updates on exhibitions, programs, and events
- Access to special opportunities designed for all levels of MFA Boston membership, including tours, curator talks, and family programs

Host a Private Event at the MFA
An additional benefit of Patron support at the Museum includes the ability to host your own exclusive private event. Patrons at the Sponsor level and above receive a 50% discount on the MFA Boston reservation fee; the entire MFA Boston reservation fee is waived for Patrons at the Director’s Circle level and above. Please note that benefits and privileges of Patron support cannot be transferred to corporations.

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.

Curators Circles
All Patrons are eligible to join Curators Circles. Choose from among 15 groups to gain deeper insight into the Museum’s 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
Travel is Back
Pack Your Suitcase for an Art Adventure

Led by the Museum’s renowned curators, our exclusive travel opportunities offer Patrons global insights on art, history, and culture. Go behind the scenes at world-class museums, access spectacular private collections, meet artists in their studios, and enjoy the finest cuisine and luxury accommodations.

From Antiquity to Today:
The History and Art of Provence
► France ► Thursday 5/25/23–Tuesday 5/30/23

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 the remarkable collections of contemporary masterworks, our first trip in nearly three years will be spectacular!

To reserve your place or request additional information, please e-mail us at mfatravel@mfa.org.

Interested in additional travel experiences? For more information, see the enclosed Curators Circle brochure or visit mfa.org/curatorscircles.

Tour participants must be members of MFA Boston at the Patron Member level or higher. 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 we 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.

Ancient Roman amphitheater, Nîmes, France.
Director’s Circle Patrons, President’s Circle Patrons, and Chairman’s Circle Patrons

Lotius® 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 10–18).

Private Collection Visit: Ann and Graham Gund

► Wednesday 11/9/2022 ► Evening

Patrons are invited to the home of Ann and Graham Gund to explore their collection of contemporary art with Matthew Teitelbaum, Ann and Graham Gund Director; and Reto Thüring, Beal Family Chair of Contemporary Art.

Director’s Holiday Party

► Sunday 12/11/22 ► Evening

Join Ann and Graham Gund Director Matthew Teitelbaum and MFA Boston Trustees to celebrate the holiday season at this festive gathering.

Fine Wine Dinner

► Tuesday 4/25/23 ► Evening

Join Courtney Harris, assistant curator, Decorative Arts and Sculpture, Art of Europe, to take a close look at decorative objects for fine dining over the centuries. 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.

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

Patron Events

Join Us Often!

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 12–18).

“The Stillness of Things: Photographs from the Lane Collection”

► Tuesday 11/29/22 ► Evening

Join us for a private tour of “The Stillness of Things: Photographs from the Lane Collection” with Karen Haas, Lane Senior Curator of Photographs, in conversation with artists Abelardo Morell, Olivia Parker, and David Hilliard. Grouped thematically, the 60 photographs in the exhibition span the history of the medium with a special emphasis on the often unexpected still lifes of American modernists Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Charles Sheeler, and Edward Weston. This is the latest installation in a series celebrating the Lane Collection.

“Hear Me Now: The Black Potters of Old Edgefield, South Carolina”

► Tuesday 5/9/2023 ► Evening

Patron Sponsors and members of Curators Circles: Art of the Americas and Black Arts and Artists are invited to an intimate evening with the exhibition “Hear Me Now: The Black Potters of Old Edgefield, South Carolina.” Enjoy a tour of the galleries with Ethan Lasser, John Moors Cabot Chair, Art of the Americas; and artist Adebunmi Gbadebo, whose work is included in the exhibition, followed by a dinner reception with curators.
Patron Events
Join Us Often!

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 14–18).

“The Obama Portraits Tour”
► Wednesday 10/12/22 ► Evening
Patron Fellows are invited to join Reto Thüring, Beal Family Chair, Department of Contemporary Art; and Dr. Mariel Novas, Patti and Jonathan Kraft Chair of Learning and Community Engagement, for a private experience with the official portraits of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, and the MFA’s companion installation of portraits of leadership crowdsourced from our community.

Connoisseurship Seminar
► Tuesday 3/7/23 ► Evening
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 Events
Join Us Often!

Patron Members
► Contributing $3,000 to $5,999

Patron Season Opener: “Stories Artists Tell”
► Tuesday 9/13/22 ► Evening
Patrons are invited to kick off the season at this annual favorite event. Join Art of the Americas curators to dive deeper into the new suite of galleries presenting different chapters in the larger history of 20th-century art from the Americas.

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.

Margaret Bourke-White. Female welder at work in a steel mill, replacing men called to duty during World War II (detail), 1943. Gelatin silver print. Princeton University Art Museum. Photo by Margaret Bourke-White. © LIFE Picture Collection.
Patron Events
Join Us Often!

Patron Members (continued)

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.

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!

The Making of an Exhibition: “Dress Up”
► Wednesday 1/18/23 ► Evening ► Virtual

In this virtual event, Emily Stoehr, Rita J. Kaplan and Susan B. Kaplan Curator of Jewelry; and theo tyson, Penny Vinik Curator of Fashion Arts, provide a behind-the-scenes look at the research and planning process for a future exhibition that explores clothing and jewelry as a means for creating and communicating public personas and personal identities. The presentation and the exhibition draw from the breadth of our collection of 20th- and 21st-century fashion and jewelry, including works from a recent gift of vintage costume jewelry from Carole Tanenbaum.

Pierre Cardin, Woman's dress, about 1969. Wool plain weave (crepe) and chrome; synthetic silk plain weave lining. Alice M. Bartlett Fund and Benjamin Pierce Cheney Fund. Reproduced by permission.
Patron Members (continued)

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.

Patron Season Closer
► Monday 5/22/23 ► Evening
Patrons enjoy an evening of programming with Ann and Graham Gund Director Matthew Teitelbaum and MFA Boston curators. A festive dinner reception with live music follows in Shapiro Family Courtyard.

► Sometimes Plans Change!
See the most up-to-date information for all Patron events and travel at mfa.org/patron

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Advocate Membership
Sample the Patron Experience

As an elevated level of membership that operates under the auspices of the Patron Program, the Advocate level 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 their generous support, we invite Advocates to sample the Patron and Curators Circles experience through invitations to a select group of events and programs designed to bring you closer to the core of the Museum, its collections, and staff.

**Advocate**
► Contributing $1,200 to $2,999

Advocate-level members enjoy the following benefits:

- Daily Museum general admission for up to six adults and four youths (ages 7–17)
- Presale access to eight complimentary special exhibition tickets per exhibition
- Invitations to a selection of Patron events and one Curators Circle event (see page 21)
- Discounts of 10% off retail, 15% off dining, and up to 40% off on parking
- Reciprocal admission benefits at 22 major art museums across the country
- Access to special events and opportunities designed for all levels of MFA Boston membership, including tours, curator talks, and family programs
- Opportunity to join Curators Circles—a special way for members to learn about the Museum’s collections
- Recognition in MFA Boston’s Annual Report

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► Wednesday, 1/18/23 ► Evening ► Virtual

In this online lecture, MFA curators provide an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at the research and planning process for a future exhibition of 20th- and 21st-century fashion and jewelry from the MFA’s collection.

**One Curators Circles Event of Your Choice**
► Visit mfa.org/curatorscircles

Interested in learning more about a favorite collection area? We invite Advocate members to join us for one Curators Circles event. To see a full listing of all Curators Circles events, please refer to the enclosed brochure or visit mfa.org/curatorscircles. To RSVP to the event of your choice, please e-mail curatorscircles@mfa.org