

Assistant Curator

MOCA TUCSON INSPIRES NEW WAYS OF THINKING THROUGH THE CULTIVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY ART.

Established by artists in 1997, MOCA is Tucson's and the Sonoran Desert's only museum devoted exclusively to contemporary art from around the globe. Housed in a repurposed neo-brutalist firehouse in Downtown Tucson since 2010, MOCA Tucson applies creative solutions to the problems of today and tomorrow through the vehicle of contemporary art. We create programming that is ambitious, innovative, and that is responsive to the wants and needs of our community. A pioneering museum of its kind, MOCA Tucson hosts rotating exhibitions by locally, nationally, and internationally renowned contemporary artists—critical exhibitions that spur dialogue and that foster empathy between artists and audiences. Our bold programming is highly engaging for diverse audiences and creates a welcoming, inviting space for visitors to learn more about the changing world we live in. MOCA Tucson is an important incubator and connector for contemporary art across the Southwest region and beyond.

SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Assistant Curator will play a key role at MOCA, proposing and realizing a comprehensive curatorial strategy for the Museum's next phase, including exhibitions and associated programs, events, digital initiatives, residencies, partnerships, and publications that advance new perspectives, contribute to national and international dialogue within the art world, and speak to local and regional concerns and people. The Assistant Curator will realize projects that spark dialogue and cultivate new and existing audiences near and far.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

In concert with the Executive Director, envisioning, developing, and implementing exhibitions as well as associated programs, events, digital initiatives, residencies, partnerships, publications that advance new perspectives, contribute to national and international dialogue within the art world, and speak to local and regional concerns and people

- Create program that advances MOCA's mission and demonstrably grows audience
- Collaborate with the Executive Director on re-imagining Artist in Residence program
- Develop and manage Artist in Residence program
- Primary liaison with artists, galleries, outside curators, etc.
- Envisions exterior and satellite exhibition programs for MOCA
- Creates content for exhibitions and public programs



Shaping a dynamic exhibition program that involves imaginatively working with living artists, commissioning new work, partnering with foundations and museums, and presenting MOCA's "archives"

Collaborates with Education on multi-audience efforts and community partnerships, specifically at the university level

Produces exhibition and programmatic texts

Involved in all aspects of exhibitions, liaising with artists, curators, and lenders to produce exhibitions and associated materials

Works with Exhibitions Director on budgets, checklists

May develop and manage a public tour program

May develop and manage a volunteer corps

Collaborate with Development, including on grant content and events

Collaborate with Marketing and Communications, producing content

May manage staff, interns, volunteers

Collaborate with staff on website content

QUALIFICATIONS

MOCA Tucson seeks an individual with passion and skill for deepening growing the Museum's engagement with a wide variety of perspectives and audiences through exhibitions and associated programs and materials. The Assistant Curator will propose and realize a curatorial program—exhibitions, programs—that raises the profile of MOCA locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. Must have strong interpersonal and organizational skills and be an excellent writer. Must have an M.A. in Art History, Curatorial/Museum Studies, or related field. MOCA is looking for individuals who will bring new perspectives and ideas to our team, who are energetic and highly organized, who take direction but are self-motivated and deeply collaborative, and who are committed to MOCA's mission and growing its engagement with visitors near and far.

LOGISTICS

Full-time with benefits. Schedule M-F with evenings and weekends as needed. Salary commensurate with experience. To be considered send resume and cover letter to kate@moca-tucson.org.