

The MoPA Docent Program

A rewarding and demanding program designed for those who are interested in learning about the photographic arts and museums, and who enjoy sharing their knowledge with the public.

But how will you know if the Docent Program is right for you?

- You are passionate about the photographic arts.
- You've been looking for a way to give something back to the community.
- You want to belong to a creative and artistic organization.
- You want to continue to advance your knowledge of the photographic arts, artists, and techniques.
- You want others to get as much out of their experience at MoPA as you do.

What is a Docent, anyway?

A Docent is a trained volunteer teaching guide. The word "docent" is derived from the Latin word, "docere," meaning to teach.

MoPA Docent Mission Statement

The mission of the MoPA Docent Program is to offer tours that are educational, fun, and informative. It is MoPA's earnest desire to develop docents who are well informed, not only about photography and film, but who also understand, appreciate, and enthusiastically embrace the philosophies that are set forth by the Education Department and as outlined in the Docent Handbook.

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Docent Program



INSPIRE, LEARN, SEE, CREATE

Become a MoPA Docent!

Benefits of being a MoPA Docent

- Ongoing opportunities to learn
- Opportunity to earn free Museum Membership
- Be among the first to see all new MoPA exhibitions
- Private talks and lectures with featured artists and Curators
- The opportunity to get involved with other MoPA community outreach programs and classes
- Discount at the Museum store and special discounted rates for Museum events

How much will it cost?

Being a MoPA Docent is all about rewards! There is no charge for the program, we just ask that you cover a minimum of 12 tours per year, and stay with us for at least one full year beyond training. By volunteering for the Docent Program, you support MoPA with your time, knowledge, and enthusiasm!

Docent Training & What's Involved

MoPA will provide training and informative courses to prepare you to lead interesting and educational tours. Completion of all stages of training will take approximately 6 months and will include:

- Instruction in the Visual Thinking Strategies
- Exhibition walk-throughs
- A series of classes on 19th and 20th Century photography, Master photographers, and how to look at and interpret photography as art.
- Required readings and research.
- Shadowing tours with seasoned Docents
- Inclusion in featured lectures and artist talks at MoPA
- Introduction to the Museum's behind-the-scenes

Is Experience Necessary?

The only prerequisite is enthusiasm for the photographic arts, a willingness to learn, and a commitment to the Museum and to the Docent Program!

I'm interested!

What do I do now?

Sign on to www.mopa.org to download a docent application

Complete and return it to:

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