



Public Art Fund (PAF), New York's leading presenter of contemporary art in public spaces, seeks a dynamic **Senior Curator** to play a leading role in the conception, development, and implementation of its artistic programs while also contributing broadly to the strategic realization of the organization's goals and mission.

Public Art Fund has presented exhibitions by the world's most compelling and significant artists in New York City and beyond for more than 40 years. These projects set a standard for excellence, giving urban space new meaning as a platform for artists, while engaging diverse audiences and making culture accessible to all. The **Senior Curator** collaborates closely with the Artistic & Executive Director, curatorial colleagues, artists, project management, consulting, and communications teams, and other Public Art Fund staff in the development, production, and installation of exhibitions and programs, including commissioned works. As a member of the senior staff team, the **Senior Curator** contributes to in the formulation, management and implementation of organizational goals and strategies. The **Senior Curator** reports to the Artistic & Executive Director.

Key Responsibilities

- Play a leading role in shaping the curatorial vision for future artistic programming by developing medium and long-term exhibition planning that reflects the organization's mission and strategic goals.
- Oversee artistic program and schedule planning, including calendar milestones, artist outreach, and internal coordination with other departments.
- Formulate and articulate compelling exhibition and public program proposals that are both conceptually strong and technically feasible.
- Execute all aspects of artistic program development and implementation at the highest professional standards, including research, writing, presentations, budgeting, and coordination with project managers and the consulting team.
- Develop agendas, presentations, and talking points for, and attend as needed, relevant board meetings.
- Generate concise and lucid texts for various applications including board materials, interpretive signage, website, educational materials, catalogs, and other publications.
- Collaborate on PAF consulting projects including curatorial strategies, artist selection, and artist relations.
- Supervise the Associate Curator of Public Practice and Assistant Curator, plus additional curatorial positions and exhibition support staff as the team continues to grow.
- Participate actively in development efforts, including donor cultivation, fundraising strategies, grant applications and special events.
- Collaborate on communications and marketing to ensure effective planning and messaging including developing and reviewing content for press and marketing materials and participating in media and press events.
- Create and foster effective working relationships with a wide range of external PAF partners.

- Maintain a high level of personal involvement in the art community and strengthen key relationships with artists, collectors, curators and other colleagues.

Desired skills and qualifications

- M.A. in art history or equivalent
- Minimum of 8 – 10 years curatorial experience
- Commitment to the mission and values of Public Art Fund
- Strong leadership skills and an aptitude for strategic thinking
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Experience in generating successful exhibitions and commissioning artists to make significant new work
- Ability to manage and mentor staff and to collaborate effectively with team members across the organization
- Strong national and international network of artists and professional contacts
- Experience with a wide range of stakeholders, from public audience to patrons and partners
- Imagination, creativity, initiative, and resourcefulness
- Excellent organization: ability to balance multiple priorities and meet deadlines
- Flexibility, constructive attitude, and problem-solving approach

How to Apply:

Please email cover letter and résumé as attachments to humanresources@publicartfund.org. Indicate the job title "**Senior Curator - 2023**" in the subject line.

The role of **Senior Curator** is a full-time exempt position. Public Art Fund requires all staff members to be fully vaccinated with an FDA authorized and/or approved COVID-19 vaccine and booster as a condition of employment. Requests for reasonable accommodations for medical, religious, or other reasons will be considered in accordance with applicable law.

Work outside of regular PAF hours (Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:30pm), attendance at work-related events, and national and international travel are occasional requirements of the position. This is not a remote position; PAF's office is in Midtown Manhattan and office hours are on a hybrid schedule. Salary is \$95,000 - \$105,000 per year and benefits include medical, dental and vision insurance, generous paid time off, as well as other ancillary benefits.

Public Art Fund is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We believe that art has the power to spur conversation among people of different perspectives, to open hearts and minds, and to help shape the face and future of our country. A diverse workplace filled with people of different backgrounds reflects our organizational values and is vital to delivering on our mission.