MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ART
In 2014, we built on our achievement of renovating our collections galleries in 2013. Visitors discovered art that varied during the year, exploring innovative combinations drawn from across the collection. As an example, the themed exhibit “Childhood” juxtaposed contemporary photography, 18th-century paintings, 19th-century prints, and a rich cross-section of our collection of historic baby rattles.

Important special exhibitions engaged and enthralled our community. Each evolved from distinctive partnerships that built engagement with the community. “Art of Enchantment” resulted from collaboration with Tom and Mary James, significant collectors whose art is acclaimed by visitors who tour Raymond James headquarters. Augmented by our own collection and other area lenders, works ranged from ancient pottery to contemporary paintings. “My Generation” presented the emerging artists in China. The MFA and Tampa Museum of Art shared one vast exhibition across both venues, winning praise for our combined effort. At both museums, Chinese artists—most notably Xun Sun at the MFA—were in residence creating works in our galleries. At year end, the MFA exhibited Jamie Wyeth’s “Portraits of Rudolph Nureyev” from the Brandywine River Museum. A unique partnership with American Stage Theatre Company coupled the premier of Nureyev’s Eyes by playwright David Nash with the opening of our exhibition, a bonus for performing and visual arts.

Each of these exhibitions were important to engage our immediate community and the wider world of Tampa Bay. As significantly, our education and public programs made breakthroughs. During the academic year, a visit to the MFA was part of every Pinellas County School’s sixth grade social studies curriculum. Our encyclopedic collection from across the globe became their classroom to study world civilizations. This interaction with teachers, curriculum specialists, and our educators and docents, takes our educational engagement with schools to an altogether new level.

The Museum of Fine Arts involves many constituencies; our support groups organized exciting activities for the public, ranging from Stuart Society’s SmARTly Dressed, Wine Weekend, Art in Bloom, and Affaires d’art; to Collectors Circle’s public lectures by visiting experts; to Marly Music’s top-flight concert series; to programs supported by Friends of Decorative Arts and Friends of Photography.

Passionate support of our Annual Fund donors, Museum members, and sponsors makes such success possible. Entering our 50th year of public service in 2015, the MFA will shine brighter for these firm steps taken in 2014.

With deepest gratitude,

Kent
“Art is not in pictures alone. Its place is in everything, as much in one thing as another. It is up to the community as a whole, in conduct, business, government and play.”

Robert Henri, American Artist
“We were very pleasantly surprised to discover this museum’s collections were more expansive than we could have imagined. “

October 2014 Trip Advisor review
From the American Southwest to mainland China, the Museum of Fine Arts took members and visitors on cultural excursions around the globe.

This year was also an exciting expansion of collaborations with other local arts organizations such as the Dali Museum, the Tampa Museum of Art and American Stage Theatre Company. These types of partnerships enrich the arts experiences throughout the entire community and across genres.

Opening the year with the art of New Mexico, artists such as Maria Martinez, Diego Romero, Tony Abeta and Dan Namingha in addition to the iconic Georgia O’Keeffe, gave voice to deep-rooted traditions through color, form and subject. A special feature of the exhibition was the breathtaking jewelry of contemporary masters.

Photographs and prints from the Museum’s extensive collection were used throughout the year for special exhibitions in the Works on Paper Gallery. Images by Aaron Siskind donated by Dr. Robert and Chitranee Drapkin portrayed daily life in Harlem, and Ernest “Red” Hallen’s prints documented the building of the Panama Canal. Prints and photographs were combined in a tribute to American masters Robert Rauschenberg and James Rosenquist, with works contributed by Iris and Stan Salzer and Thomas and Donna Brumfield.

“My Generation: Young Chinese Artists” co-presented with Tampa Museum of Art was a window on new China and the first U.S. exhibition to focus solely on the post-Mao generation of Chinese artists, all of whom were born after 1976 and the end of the cultural revolution.

Jamie Wyeth’s portraits of dancer Rudolph Nureyev from the Brandywine River Museum followed, opening in tandem with the two-week run of American Stage production of “Nureyev’s Eyes” by playwright David Rush. Both performing and visual arts explored the evolution of the relationship between these two artists.
“MFA has a little bit of everything and is a great place to introduce kids to a wide variety of art.”

December 2014 Trip Advisor review
Education is central to the mission of the Museum of Fine Arts with more than 200 public programs offered throughout the year.

Founder Margaret Acheson Stuart believed, “If one child benefits from the Museum it will all be worthwhile.”

In keeping with Mrs. Stuart’s legacy, the Museum offers a wide range of programs for youth and families, encouraging interaction between children and caregivers as well as a life-long appreciation of the arts. Additionally, every day of the week, MFA docents give tours and share their knowledge with young and old alike.

Of special note is the partnership between the MFA and Pinellas County Schools for every sixth grade student—more than 6,000 children—to experience a visit to the Museum as part of the social studies curriculum. (see cover photo). Sponsors fund a family pass so these children can return to the Museum with their families for free. For many students, this is the first visit to a museum.

Whether learning about world cultures through rhythmic drumming or interpreting art through sign language, visitors benefit from gifts to the Museum of Fine Arts that allow the curators of public programs to create unique experiences for all visitors to enjoy, such as those shown here:

- Kidding Around Yoga
- Drumming @ MFA
- Art and Sign Language
- Make & Take Saturdays
- Coffee Talks with Nan Colton
- Art Bites
- Hot Gatherings, Cool Conversations, sponsored by Duncan McClellan Gallery and DMG School Project
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- Parrish Lecture
- Collectors Circle Lectures and Study Trips
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“I had never thought about how the museum got started and was impressed with the influence of one woman to bring it about. “
(Reference to Margaret Acheson Stuart, photo on left)

Museum Visitor Email
The Margaret Acheson Stuart Society, a non-profit entity in its own right and named for the Museum’s founding benefactor, is the largest volunteer group with over 400 members and provisionals. As a major donor to the Museum, efforts of the Stuart Society encompass an array of unique special events unmatched in the community, including Wine Weekend, SmARTly Dressed, Art in Bloom and Affaires d’Art. Combined proceeds generated the single largest donation to the Museum in 2014.

COLLECTORS CIRCLE

The second largest group is Collectors Circle with over 100 members whose interests in the appreciation of art are enriched through lectures and study trips sponsored in part by Northern Trust Bank and RBC Wealth Management, respectively. In April, Collectors Choice Gala is held at the Museum with proceeds going toward the acquisition of new works for collection.

DOCENTS

Working tirelessly seven days a week are the corps of more than 60 docents who study each new exhibition as well as sharing their knowledge of the permanent collection to bring world cultures to life for students and visitors to the galleries.

The Stuart Society made the largest annual fund donation to the Museum by giving $383,000 from their events.
Support groups gave more than 15,000 volunteer hours to the Museum in 2014.

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Supporting the largest photographic collection in the southeastern United States, Friends of Photography are dedicated to increasing awareness of fine art photography through lectures, seminars and workshops.

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Friends of the Decorative Arts celebrate and study furniture, ceramics, jewelry, textiles and other functional works of art.

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In keeping with Mrs. Stuart’s love of music, Marly Music Society fosters an understanding between the performing and visual arts through world-class concerts and partnerships with St. Petersburg Opera, the Florida Orchestra and local musicians.

THE CONTEMPORARIES
A new group added in 2014 was created for individuals who share an interest in contemporary art. Initial offerings included visits to the local exhibitions and tours of working artists’ studios.

LOUISA CHASE (American, b. 1951)
UNTITLED, 1981
Oil on paper
Gift of Martha and Jim Sweeney 2010.12.3
“It is my hope that each of us will be sufficiently altruistic to know that our greatest purpose is serving the public. “  (St. Petersburg Times, May 28, 1965)

Rexford Stead, MFA Founding Director, 1965
The Annual Fund is the foundation of all support for the MFA.

These unrestricted gifts fund art activities, gallery talks, special exhibits, and so much more:

- TOURS AND HANDS-ON ART ACTIVITIES FOR UNDERSERVED FAMILIES
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These gifts will support the Marly Music series in 2015, which will be dedicated to Joe, photo left.
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“This is a small city that does a giant job of sharing the arts.”

January 2015 Trip Advisor review
The third annual Bogies & Stogies Tournament was held Monday, October 20, at the beautiful Renaissance Vinoy with an awards banquet that evening in the Marly Room at the Museum. Our winning foursome this year included Cary Putrino, Tim Main, Joe Keegan and Curtis Putrino. The event successfully raised over $27,000 toward the MFA programs and exhibits.

Special thanks go to our committee co-chairs Bob Churu and Linda Jantschek with event chair Maureen Gabe, supported by committee members John Dunn, Stephanie Edwards, Jeff Fox, Bob Hilton, Reid Holden, Don Howe, Kathleen Matecki, Fred Razook, Sue Riggins, Ron Salamone, Kent Whittemore, Carol Treichel, Kate Harrington, Lois Fivian, Elizabeth Samuelson, Denise Degnan, Ginny McCarthy and Libby Salamone. Additional thanks go to Stuart Society members and provisional for their invaluable volunteer support throughout the event.

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“A collection that embraces the whole world allows you to consider the whole world.”

Neil MacGregor, Art Historian
In 2014, membership retention increased by 11% with dues contributing 8% of MFA total revenue.

Membership helps bring world-class exhibits and programs that benefit the whole community. With six different membership options from which to choose, more than 2,600 households are supporting the Museum in this way.

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Real property can be deeded to the Museum and may warrant a sizeable tax deduction now while continuing to occupy the property for life. Your personal tax advisor may be able to help you select the best arrangement to suit your individual situation.

Planned Gifts
Planned gifts such as a charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, retained life estates, retirement plan designations, life insurance designations, or bequests may reduce inheritance taxes and benefit the Museum. Check with your financial advisor for the best plan, and let us know of your intent so we can recognize you as a member of our Legacy Society.

Naming Opportunities
In recognition of leadership gifts, there are naming opportunities throughout the museum’s main building, and the Hazel Hough Wing. Learn more about the naming opportunities by contacting the Advancement Office.

Matching Gifts
Many businesses will match an employee contribution, effectively doubling or sometimes tripling the impact of your donation. Check with your company’s personnel office for more information.

For more information about how to support the MFA, please contact the Museum of Fine Arts Development Office (727) 896-2667 or visit www.fine-arts.org under “SUPPORT.”

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