



# FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

## JOB POSTING – CHIEF CURATOR

**Department:** Sculpture & Sculpture Exhibitions

**Pay Type:** Salaried, Full-time, Exempt

**Supervisor:** President & CEO

**Date Posted:** April 21, 2021

**Position Summary:** Lead position to acquire and site sculpture and related artwork for the permanent collection; develop themes and ideas for sculpture exhibitions; collaboratively select and secure objects for sculpture exhibitions; build art community relationships; and serve as an officer of the corporation and a member of the management team.

### Essential Functions:

- Research, recommend, and acquire sculpture and related art within the context of our established collection practices and policies.
- Develop and organize sculpture exhibitions complementing our permanent collection. The sculpture exhibition program is devoted to sculptural traditions for the purposes of understanding, appreciating, and enjoying sculpture and related objects and materials.
- Take a lead role to ensure that donor agreements relating to all current and all future sculpture and art acquisitions are honored.
- Interface and take the lead staff role with the Sculpture Advisory Board Committee, which serves as an advisory body to this position for sculpture and art acquisitions and sculpture exhibitions. Advise the committee on its role of accessioning and deaccessioning artwork.
- Build strong relationships with artists, galleries, artists' foundations and estates, and the national and international art community.
- Provide leadership to the Sculpture & Sculpture Exhibitions Department, including art preservation and conservation, financial stewardship, and departmental budgeting.
- Work collaboratively with the Director of Sculpture, Art Collections, Exhibitions & Installations; Vice President of Horticulture on sculpture sites; the Vice President of Architecture, Environment, Facilities & Technology on facility issues; the Director of Education to promote the understanding of artwork and exhibitions; the Director of Communications on the voice of all guest-facing communications.
- Serve on the Diversity & Inclusion and Long-Range Planning Board Committees.
- Be a highly effective teacher and communicator.
- Other duties as assigned by the President & CEO

### Essential Qualifications:

#### Education/Experience:

- Master's degree in art history or museum studies, Ph. D preferred. A concentration in sculpture and/or Modern and Contemporary Art is preferred.
- Proven track record of working with artists and galleries relative to acquisitions and exhibitions in a museum context.
- Accomplished lecturer and publisher relating to Modern and Contemporary Art.

#### Expectations:

- Embrace and adhere to Meijer Gardens' mission, brand statement, operating model, policies, procedures, and guiding principles.
- Embrace the fact that we are a non-profit institution that serves the public and that we will work as a broad and diverse group of employee team members, volunteers, members, and guests.
- Possess superior writing and verbal skills to be used with members, guests, donors and the community through lectures, media events, public speaking events, essays, and presentations, physical and digital.
- A strong willingness to be current in the literature of Modern and Contemporary Art.
- Embrace the Meijer Gardens collaborative culture.
- Management of people and interdepartmental relationships.

**Working Conditions:** Must be willing to: work a flexible schedule including weekends and evenings; extensively travel and obtain a passport; to work in a fast paced, multi-faceted and culturally diverse museum environment. Required to operate computers and office equipment. Must have the mobility to move around in office, grounds, and exhibition areas and if able, lift 10 pounds frequently and up to 50 pounds occasionally.

Apply online at <http://www.meijergardens.org/contact/careers/> or send your letter of application and resume/CV to [hr@meijergardens.org](mailto:hr@meijergardens.org).

**Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

*All candidates are required to submit to our background and drug screening process.*

**Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park promotes the enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of gardens, sculpture, the natural environment and the arts.**