

## Job Description

**Position Title:** Curator for Asia

**The Mission of MIM:** The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) enriches our world by collecting, preserving, and making accessible an astonishing variety of musical instruments and performance videos from every country in the world. MIM offers guests a welcoming and fun experience, incomparable interactive technology, dynamic programming, and exceptional musical performances. MIM fosters appreciation of the world's diverse cultures by showing how we innovate, adapt, and learn from each other to create music—the language of the soul.

**Position Summary:** In partnership with the Executive Director, the Board, the Curatorial Department, and other MIM departments, the Asia Curator will help build, interpret, and care for the MIM collection of approximately 16,000 musical instruments, music-related artifacts, and supporting documentation.

### Primary Responsibilities:

- Augment and strengthen the Asia music collection by working to identify, evaluate, document, and acquire appropriate instruments and contextual objects for exhibits.
- Select, record, and/or coordinate video content used in exhibits. Conduct field and other forms of research related to music and musical instruments that can be utilized in improving exhibits.
- Identify potential sources for long-term loans and donations of musical instruments and work with MIM team members to secure these loans and gifts.
- Write label copy, contribute to catalogs on the collection, and produce articles and other publications related to MIM's mission and collection.
- Manage consultants who may work on specific exhibits within their area of specialty or be involved in the acquisition of instruments, AV, and other objects for MIM.
- Build relationships and partnerships with scholars, collectors, other museum curators, and other organizations.
- Plan and execute special exhibits and other projects to enhance guest experience.
- Contribute to educational and other public outreach activities for the MIM, including tours, workshops, lectures, classes and Volunteer Team Member training.

### Qualifications:

The ideal candidate must bring energy, vision, enthusiasm, and resourcefulness to this position. An ability to work quickly and with good judgment is paramount. Exceptional organizational, negotiation, and problem-solving abilities and strong verbal and written communication skills, with ability to multi-task, prioritize and self-manage are required. The ability to work collaboratively with

the other team members at MIM is critical. Other essential qualifications include:

- PhD in ethnomusicology, musicology, or other discipline related to music and musical instruments.
- Broad knowledge of musical instruments and music, with in-depth expertise in Asian music and instruments is a must.
- Excellent writing and strong communication skills. Proficiency in English and at least one major Asian language is a plus.
- Ability to work collaboratively and excel in a high-performance team culture.
- Demonstrated success in building relationships with diverse people, including musicians, musical instrument makers, and other cultural specialists, collectors, and other museum curators.
- Previous museum or collection management experience is desirable.

**Other:**

- MIM is located in Phoenix, Arizona
- This position will involve occasional travel

More information regarding MIM is available at [www.mim.org](http://www.mim.org)

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