



## Job Description

**Position Title:** Curator for Europe

**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. For more information visit our website at [www.MIM.org](http://www.MIM.org)

**Position Summary:** In partnership with the executive director, the board, the curatorial department, and other MIM departments, the curator for Europe will help build, interpret, and care for MIM's collection of approximately 16,000 musical instruments and music-related artifacts, as well as their supporting documentation.

### Primary Responsibilities:

- Augment and strengthen the European music collection by working to identify, evaluate, document, and acquire appropriate instruments and contextual objects for exhibits.
- Select, record, and coordinate video content used in European exhibits.
- Conduct research related to music and musical instruments that can be utilized in improving exhibits.
- Manage the Mechanical Music Gallery.
- Identify sources for long-term loans and instrument donations and work with MIM team members and the board to secure loans and gifts.
- Write label copy, contribute to collection catalogs, and produce articles and other publications related to MIM's mission and collection.
- Manage consultants who work on specific exhibits or are involved in acquiring instruments, audiovisual assets, and other objects for MIM.
- Build relationships and partnerships with scholars, collectors, museum curators, and organizations.
- Plan and execute special exhibitions and other projects to expand and enhance the guest experience.
- Contribute to educational and public outreach activities for the MIM, including tours, workshops, lectures, and classes.

## **Qualifications:**

The ideal candidate will bring energy, vision, enthusiasm, and resourcefulness to this position. The ability to work quickly and with good judgment is paramount, as is the ability to work collaboratively with the talented MIM team. The ideal candidate will also have exceptional organizational, negotiation, and problem-solving abilities and strong verbal and written communication skills, and they will be able to multitask, prioritize, and self-manage. Other essential qualifications and requirements include:

- A PhD in ethnomusicology, musicology, or other discipline related to music and musical instruments
- Broad knowledge of musical instruments and music, with expertise in European music
- The ability to work independently and collaboratively and excel in a high-performance team culture
- Demonstrated success in building relationships with a diverse group of people, including musicians, musical instrument makers, cultural specialists, collectors, and museum curators
- Previous museum or collection management experience is desirable.
- This position is primarily onsite in Phoenix, Arizona.
- This position will require some travel.

***Qualified candidates should submit a resume and cover letter via the Apply link:***

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