ABOUT US

MoAD is a contemporary art museum, celebrating Black cultures, igniting challenging conversations, and inspiring learning through the global lens of the African Diaspora. MoAD is essential to the Yerba Buena Cultural Arts District in San Francisco and plays a vital role in the local, national, and international arts community.

"MoAD’s work benefits not just people of African descent, but also anyone who can translate what they learn from exhibitions and in public programming to their lives."

— Jacqueline Francis, PhD., California College of the Arts Professor

EXHIBITIONS

MoAD presents more than 10 exhibitions annually including commissioned installations, traveling exhibits, and uniquely curated shows. As a non-collecting institution, MoAD invests in and promotes the voices and visions of independent curators.

EMERGING ARTISTS PROGRAM

Since 2015, The Emerging Artists Program (EAP), has highlighted and supported the work of 20 Bay Area emerging artists through financial, curatorial, and professional support to help launch and expand the artists’ careers and visibility.
EDUCATION

MoAD serves over 6,000 students and more than 375 K–12 classrooms, university classes, and community organizations per year. Our programs engage visitors to better understand the cultural expression and history behind the artwork in the broader context of the African Diaspora.

Through its signature program, MoAD in the Classroom (MIC), the Museum interfaces with 41 local Title I public schools using an evidence-based visual literacy and cultural studies curriculum to inspire positive youth development.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

MoAD’s Public Programs deliver high-quality, innovative engagement opportunities that tell the story of the African Diaspora through a variety of disciplines and perspectives, creating challenging conversations about race and culture(s) through a global lens.

MoAD presents over 100 public programs a year, virtually and in-person, including Artist Talks, Film Series, Performances, Poetry programs, and free annual celebrations honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Juneteenth.

RESIDENCIES

MoAD hosts three residencies annually, including Chef-in-Residence, Cultural Critic-in-Residence, and Poets-in-Residence. Each residency provides the opportunity for innovators in their field to develop public programming that connects community with their craft.

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