Showcase Title: Enriching Art Museum Experiences with Music

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Summary of Showcase Ideas

(Complete handouts will be available at the event.)

Music is an excellent vehicle for docents to help visitors connect with the visual arts in a meaningful and lasting way.

In this Showcase of Ideas presentation, a variety of ideas will be shared for integrating music with art museum experiences, including:

(1) Examples of musical performances in the museum that are inspired by special exhibitions and art in the permanent collection;
(2) How to use recorded music to broaden visitors’ perspectives of works of art;

(3) Examples of how to use music education techniques to help visitors understand the elements of art through the elements and experiences of music -- using instruments, movement and gestures, singing, other vocal and spoken sounds, creative activities, and listening examples;

(4) Using musical and sound cues to effectively guide guests in tours in nonverbal ways;

(5) Suggested accessible resources for additional ideas on the topic.