

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

FOCA In Brief

Fellows of Contemporary Art (FOCA) is a non-profit, independent, and membership-based organization that supports contemporary art in California.

Founded in 1975, FOCA is a direct outgrowth of a support group that was previously associated with the Pasadena Art Museum. Today, our 150-plus memberships come from all parts of California and other states. The membership dues support FOCA's mission.

Mission Statement

Fellows of Contemporary Art support emerging and mid-career California artists through awards, exhibitions, including accompanying catalogues, and diverse educational events for its members.

We accomplish our mission through **Artist Programs** concentrated in three areas:

- 1. Curators Award Exhibition** — Sponsors exhibitions of California artists proposed by one or more California curators that are held in major museums and other art venues. FOCA underwrites the cost of the exhibitions' scholarly catalogues and other documentation. Through this endeavor, FOCA has established an impressive historical record of the work of California artists and curators.
- 2. FOCA Fellowship** — Funds unrestricted grants to two or more mid-career artists in recognition of their significant and ongoing contributions to art in California.
- 3. Curators Laboratory Exhibition** — Underwrites exhibitions and documentation of emerging curators whose work is presented at our space in Chinatown.

Member Programs

We also accomplish our mission through member programs that include these diverse educational and social events:

- 1. National and International Tours** — Organizes multiple national and international trips for members that focus on contemporary art events, including biennials and fairs, artists' studios, galleries, art centers, museums, and private collections.

National tours require a \$250 per person tax deductible, non-refundable donation to FOCA. International tours require a \$450 per person tax deductible, non-refundable donation to FOCA.

- 2. Local Tours** — Organizes visits to artists' studios, galleries, private and public collections, other art venues, and museums that include discussions with artists, curators, and guest speakers.
- 3. Sunday Salons** — Offers an intimate setting for art conversations and other creative art interactions.
- 4. Special Events** — Hosts an Annual Membership Gala and a Summer Party.
- 5. Prospective Member Receptions** — Hosts one or two art functions annually to attract new members.

All FOCA activities are organized by our dynamic and engaged membership base.

Membership requires sponsorship by two existing members. Every proposed member must have a primary and secondary sponsor, and be approved by the Board of Directors.

For more information, please visit our website at www.focala.org, call our office at (213) 808-1008, or send an email to foca@focala.org.