

Assistant/Associate Objects Conservator
Musical Instrument Museum
Tempe/Phoenix, AZ

The recently established Musical Instrument Museum is accepting applications for the temporary position of Assistant/Associate Conservator. This two-year position, with possibility of extension, is available immediately.

The successful applicant will participate in the examination, documentation and treatment of the museum's collection of European, American and non-western musical instruments in preparation for their exhibition in the new museum building. Conservation treatments will focus on the stability and appearance of the instruments. Procedures intended to improve the playability of select instruments will be carried out by external consultants under the management of conservation staff.

The museum building is currently under construction in northeast Phoenix and is scheduled to open to the public in 2010. The collection, temporary conservation laboratory, and staff offices are located in Tempe, Arizona, until the museum building is ready for occupancy. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to participate in the design and programming of the museum's visible conservation lab and will assist with the move of the collection to the museum building and with the installation of the museum galleries. Responsibilities will also include providing recommendations regarding exhibition materials, mounts and environmental conditions, as well as assisting in activities related to the collection's preventive care.

Qualifications include: a degree from a recognized conservation program or the equivalent in training; experience in the conservation of musical instruments or of objects and materials with similar aesthetic and structural issues; practical knowledge of digital photography and image management; excellent organizational and communication skills; and the ability to work independently and excel in a high-performance culture. A valid driver's license is also a requirement.

This position will report to the Conservator and will work closely with registration, curatorial and exhibits staff. Salary is competitive and compensation includes benefits. Salary and title will be commensurate with experience. More information regarding the Musical Instrument Museum is available at www.themim.org.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and will be accepted until the position is filled. Finalists will be invited to bring a portfolio of completed projects to the interview. For inquiries regarding the position, contact Barbara Hamann, Conservator, at 480-481-2464 or via email.

To apply, send an email that includes a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three professional references to: HR@themim.org.