

SEATTLE ART MUSEUM (SAM) UPDATE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Jan 10, 2023

SEATTLE – Due to illness impacting some participants, the Seattle Art Museum and SAM VSO Union bargaining teams did not meet as planned on January 9. It would have been our first collective bargaining session of 2023 and ninth overall.

To keep the bargaining process moving forward, the SAM and Union bargaining teams have stayed in close communication to reschedule our January meeting, firm up dates for bargaining in February and March, address questions between teams, and exchange proposals virtually for review and feedback. These efforts reflect both parties' commitment to meaningful progress.

SAM remains focused on addressing the complex and challenging issues by bargaining in good faith with the SAM VSO Union. Notwithstanding a possible make-up meeting in January, our next planned bargaining session is set for February 7 with additional tentative dates scheduled in February and March. We will continue to provide summaries after each bargaining session.

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ABOUT SEATTLE ART MUSEUM

As the leading visual art institution in the Pacific Northwest, SAM draws on its global collections, powerful exhibitions, and dynamic programs to provide unique educational resources benefiting the Seattle region, the Pacific Northwest, and beyond.

From a strong foundation of Asian art to noteworthy collections of African and Oceanic art, Northwest Coast Native American art, European and American art, and modern and contemporary art, the strength of SAM's collection of approximately 25,000 objects lies in its diversity of media, cultures, and time periods.

