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Flourish Fine Art Accelerator Presents “Curator Confidential” — A Panel Unpacking How Artists Get Exhibited in Today’s Art World

Flourish Fine Art Accelerator is proud to present Curator Confidential: Secrets on Exhibiting and Working with Art Organizations, an in person panel discussion designed to provide emerging artists, curators, and collectors with rare, behind-the-scenes insight into how art institutions select artists and curate exhibitions.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Hyde Park Art Center (5020 S. Cornell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615). Doors will open at 10:00 AM with complimentary breakfast and networking, followed by the panel discussion beginning promptly at 10:30 AM. Admission is free, but advance registration is required.

Registration Page: Please click [here](#)

This timely panel features a powerhouse lineup of curators and cultural leaders who will demystify the artist selection process and offer unfiltered advice on how to position your creative practice for visibility and long-term opportunities:

Featured Panelists Include:

- **Mariela Acuña**— Director of Exhibitions & Residency, Hyde Park Art Center
- **Dr. Myrtis Bedolla** – Owner & Founding Director, Galerie Myrtis
- **Monique Brinkman-Hill** – Executive Director, South Side Community Art Center
- **Danny Dunson** – Director of Curatorial Services & Community Partnerships, DuSable Museum
- **Veronica Ocasio** – Director of Education Programming, National Puerto Rican Museum

Curator Confidential is designed not only for artists seeking to exhibit their work, but also for collectors interested in understanding how to support thoughtful, exhibition-ready practices that strengthen and sustain vibrant, relevant art collections.

“This panel is a chance to pull back the curtain on how curators make decisions and how artists can best engage with them,” said Oscar Bedolla, co-founder of Flourish. “But it’s also a valuable conversation for collectors who want to understand the ecosystem that helps artists—and the institutions that support them—thrive.”

This event is part of Flourish Fine Art Accelerator's ongoing commitment to equity, access, and professional development in the arts, particularly for creatives from underrepresented communities.

About Flourish Fine Art Accelerator

Flourish is a Chicago-based nonprofit dedicated to accelerating the careers of BIPOC artists and curators through training, exposure, and community. By building bridges between creatives and institutions, Flourish fosters a more inclusive and sustainable art ecosystem.