

EMMA SONNIER

CURATOR & PROGRAM DEVELOPER

RESUME

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Curator & Programs Director

ARCHIVES Exhibitions, Charitable LLC | Lafayette, LA | August 2024 - Present

- Conceptualize and curate thematic exhibitions aligned with organizational mission; research artists, develop exhibition concepts, and coordinate logistics for free pop-up events.
- Author interpretive materials, including artist statements, exhibition texts, and promotional content to enhance visitor engagement and public understanding of contemporary art.
- Collaborate with emerging and established artists to negotiate exhibition agreements; manage budgets, generating \$11,000 profit; represent organization through media outreach to expand visibility and relevance.

Visual Arts Assistant

Acadiana Center for the Arts | Lafayette, LA | April 2023 - February 2025

- Coordinated and installed exhibitions across five sub-galleries; authored interpretive wall labels, didactic panels, and exhibition texts to contextualize artworks for diverse audiences.
- Developed educational programming and interpretive materials for family-focused exhibitions; ensured proper handling, storage, and documentation of collections adhering to museum conservation standards.

Research Assistant

Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum | Lafayette, LA | June 2019 - August 2019

- Researched A. Hayes Town architecture under art historian Carol Reese for traveling exhibition publication.
- Conducted research in archives, libraries, and digital databases; performed data entry for project coordination.

SKILLS

Historical Research
Exhibition Design
Leadership
Collections Management
Program Development
Team Management
Administration
Public Speaking
Visitor Services
Writing

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent)
German (Limited Working Proficiency)
French (Limited Working Proficiency)

