Using Challenges and Current Circumstances to Build Your Membership and Annual Giving Program

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#### Presenters



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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS Hailey Conneely, Membership Director Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Sarah Scates, Membership Manager Oakland Zoo

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#### Session Overview

- Session Kickoff
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Oakland Zoo
- National Museum of Women in the Arts
- Takeaways and Q&A

#### In a Perfect World...



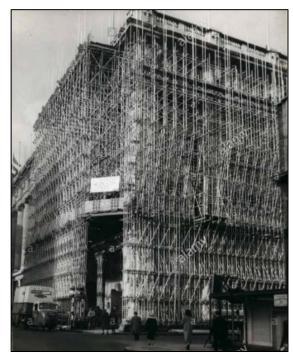








#### In the Real World...











#### Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Hailey Conneely, Membership Director

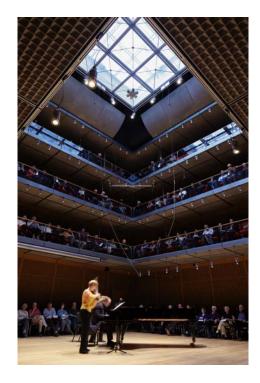


"Years ago I decided that the greatest need in our Country was Art... We were a very young country and had very few opportunities to see beautiful things, works of art... So, I determined to make it my life's work if I could."

#### - ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER







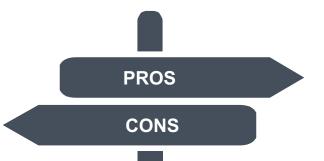
Where we were:

- Museum Visitation on the rise
  - FY12: <200,000
  - FY15: 225,000

- Attained new baseline for membership households post newwing opening
  - Pre FY12: 3,000 to FY15: 5,750



# Making lemonade...



- Transition in leadership
- Negative press attention
- 25-35% anticipated drop in member household count
- Impact on visitor experience
- Project scope and duration

- Loyal core audience
- Shared problem
- Portion of galleries impacted
- Building preservation project already in pipeline
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# New Plans, New Strategy



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- Build off of audience interests
- Assure assure members
- Communicate openly, transparently
- Maintain market share
- Project active, open presence
- Actively monitor online reviews
- Move up building preservation project

# Project Timeline

March 2015: Othoniel Exhibition		October 2016: Crivelli Exhibition	n			March 2016: Off the Exhibiti		September 2016: Beyond Words Exhibition	
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	August 2016: "Off View" Announcement	t	November 2015: Former Director	L	anuary 2016: etter from Bo resident			November 201 Re-opening of 2 floor galleries	
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# "Off View" Communications

#### **Members**

- Email announcements
- Monthly e-newsletter with brief updates
- Revised renewal letter copy
- Letter from Board President
- Email major progress updates
- Postcard

#### Onsite

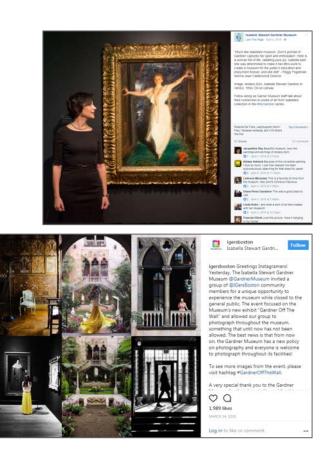
- Help onsite staff draft answers to frequently asked questions
- Orient visitors update map onsite
- Provide regular communications internally about status updates

#### Online

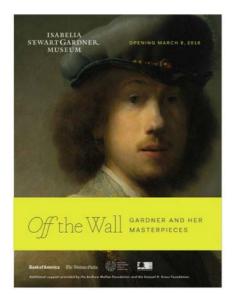
- Indicate galleries are "off view" on website
- Promote active/open status of the Museum

# Awareness Campaigns: Social Media

- Active social media presence
  - #MyGardner Series with staff pictured with favorite work in Off the Wall
- @igersboston group
  - Launched new photography policy



#### Awareness Campaigns: Print and Transit Ads





#### Fall 2015 Crivelli Acquisition Campaign



#### **GARDNER MUSEUM MEMBER BENEFITS & PRIVILEGES**

We are delighted to offer you limited-time savings with these special introductory rates on membership. INDIVIDUAL SHE \$40

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It is my pleasure to invite you to become a member of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Massam and enjoy 15 months of free admission and special privileges!

As a member, you can visit and explore our historic collection of extraordinary art as often as you'd like. You will also enjoy free admission to our fun Third Thursday and Stir event series, plus free and discoursed tackets to live performances in Calderwood Hall, lectures, and more,

#### And if you become a member by December 11, you'll save with discounts on our most popular membership levels and receive a feer gift, with our heartfelt thanks.

Right now, the Courtyard is barsting with chrysterhemanns, and the magical exhibition. Ornamore of Illinim: Carlo Critoffi of Honize is on view in its only U.S. venue. Next spring, we will be delighted to showcase our collection in a whole new way, with the limited time exhibition Of the Wall Gather and Her Manupieus. An important building preservation project in several bistoric galleries will allow you to see signature works as never before?

I hope you will join today to be part of this dynamic year of once in-a lifetime experiences, with insider's access and special privileges?

Sincerels Inne Anne Hawley Nerves Jose Californiad Director

P.S. I hope you'll join quickly to be included in the very special New Member Welcome Event on January 9, and enjoy 12 months of member privileges for the price of 12!



#### Spring 2016 Off the Wall Acquisition Campaign



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Many of the works on view by Rembrandt, Batticelli, and more, will be displayed at ese-levelallowing you to view them up close and in the best pensible leghting for the first time.

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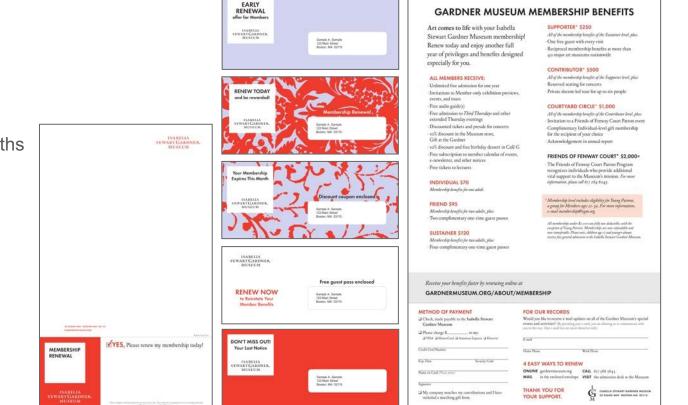
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# **Renewal Series**

Begins two months prior to expiration through two months after expiration

- 5 Letters
- 5 Emails

Includes upgrade and early renewal incentives



#### What's Old is "New"



#### (IT'S SO SUBTLE, YOU WON'T EVEN NOTICE.)

After the successful completion of the roof preservation project, we are happy to announce that the second floor is on view once again.

We invite you to return to the Gardner and reacquaint yourself with Isabella's collection.

# It worked!

#### Member Household Count

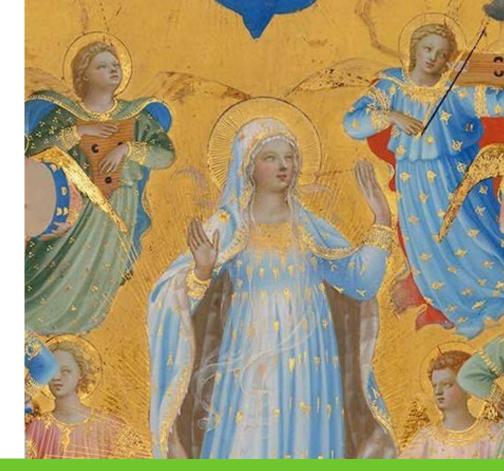
- 5% increase
- $5,751 \rightarrow 6,041$

**Renewal Rate** 

• 66%

Museum Visitation

- 13.5% increase
- 225,813 → 256,299



#### **Oakland Zoo**

Sarah Scates, Membership Manager











#### **Oakland Zoo**

Location: Oakland, CA

Size: 50 acres

Annual Visitation: 750,000

Member Households: 22,000

Base level memberships: Individual (\$84), Dual (\$124), **Family (\$159)**, Family Plus (\$194), Sustaining (\$234)







#### In 2015...

#### Dear Kelly,

What if you could renew your membership at the Oakland Zoo for practically peanuts? Rejoin by July 7, 2015 and take 50% off the price of a one year membership!

You know better than most the value of a Zoo membership - special Zoo events, discounts at the gift shop, free parking, and of course, unlimited admission for a full year.

So why not renew today? When you do, you'll save 50% off the regular price of membership. Simply return the attached Renewal Certificate in the enclosed envelope and you are on your way to another year of great benefits, free admission, and fun!

And remember, it's practically peanuts!

Sincerely,

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Sarah Scates Membership Manager

PS: This special offer is available through the <u>mail only</u> and not available online, over the telephone, or onsite. You must renew by July 7, 2015 in order to take advantage of this discount - no exceptions.

Please note: If your renewal is postmarked after July 7, 2015 you will receive a pro-rated, six month membership.

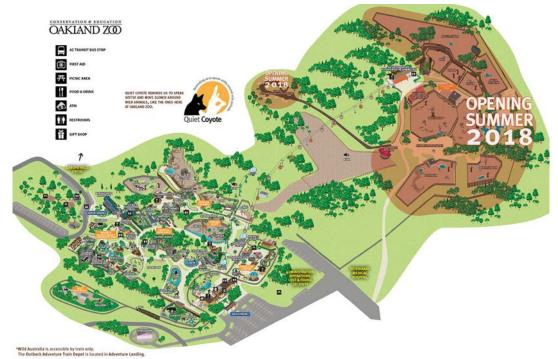
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#### But we were headed towards...







### The Challenge

# How to find **SUCCESS** in a

year without anything new to offer?







# The Opportunity









#### **On-site Efforts**

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Not a Member of **Oakland Zoo?** Join today and we'll convert your parking fee into \$10.50 worth of ride tickets!\* Membership Benefits FREE admission FREE parking FREE one-time use guest pass with eight (8) ride tickets\* 10% Discount at the Gift Shop Discount admission to over 125 2005 and aquariums nationwide Discount on birthday parties

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#### Start Saving TODAY Membership is a Great Value! Compare Regular Zoo Rates to the Value of Membership: Regular Admission Rates: 2 adults @ \$22 = \$44 2 kids @ \$18 = \$36 parking = \$10 8 ride tickets = \$14 4 guest passes = \$80 Cost per visit: Spend LESS on a Family Membership and visit Oakland Zoo for the next 12 months FREE! MEMBERSHIP LEVELS Individual - 584 Dual - \$124 Two named adults age s3 years or older. You may leave the second adult unnamed, which allows you to bring a guest with you on every visit. Family - \$159 Two named adults and up to 4 children age 17 and younger. Both adults must be named on the cards. Goest option not available of this level. Family Plus - \$194

Three named adults and up to 4 children age 17 and younger. You may leave the third adult unnamed, which allows you to bring a guest with you on every visit. Discounts on education programs · Early admission for members during summertim Sustaining - \$234 Four named adults and up to 4 children age 17 and younger. You may leave the third and fourth adult(s) unnamed, which allows you to bring two guests with you on every visit. + This other exclusion the Gaudian TAKE THIS FORM TO THE MEMBERSHIP BOOTH LOCATED AT OUR MAIN ENTRANCE TO BEGIN YOUR ZOO ADVENTURE TODAY! TAKE THES FORM TO THE MEMBERSHIP BOOTH LOCATED AT OUR MAIN ENTRANCE TO BEGIN YOUR ZOO ADVENTURE OAKIAND 700 OAKIAND ZOD

# Join Oakland Zoo and

#### OAKIAND 700 **SPRING BREAK** ZOOCAMP **Enrich Their Minds While School's Out** Send 'em to Spring Break ZooCamp! Unsure What to do With Your Kids During School Spring Break? Send Them to Us! Spring Break ZooCamp runs Monday - Friday March 28-April 1 and April 4-8. Participants must be currently enrolled in Kindergarten - 5th grade. Learn more by visiting our Spring Break ZooCamp page!





#### Renewal Cycle: Postal Mail

#### Dear Chan and Fahm,

Thank you for being a member of Oakland Zoo! We hope you've enjoyed making memories with friends and family over the past year. We're contacting you now to let you know that your time as a member will be ending soon and to give you an easy way to renew your support.

As reward for being a loyal member, please use the attached form to renew your Family membership at **30% off!** This represents a savings of **\$42**.

We'd love to have you renew your membership and spend another year as part of our zoo f Renewing early ensures that there will be no lapse in your membership – your new cards wi arrive before the old ones expire! As a bonus, renewing now helps the zoo save on the cost additional mailings.

This offer is available by mail only. And please remember it's an incentive to renew *early*, so must postmark the form by **June 30, 2016**.

We look forward to hearing from you and we look forward to seeing you often at the zoo!

Sincerely,

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Sarah Scates Membership Manager

p.s. We want to save you the time and trouble of bargain-hunting! To honor our relationship current members, we promise this is the deepest renewal discount we'll offer anywhere in 2



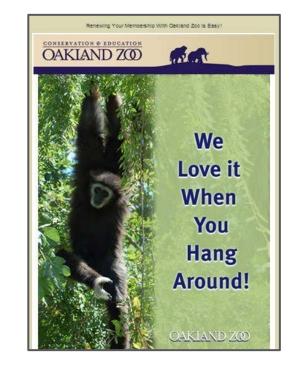






# **Renewal Cycle: Email**





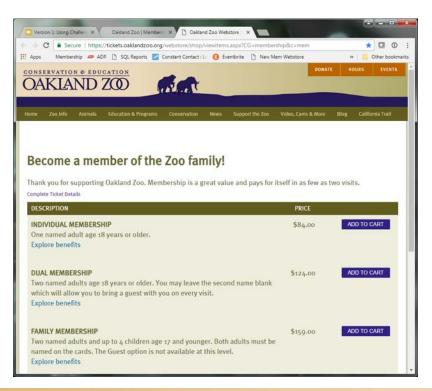


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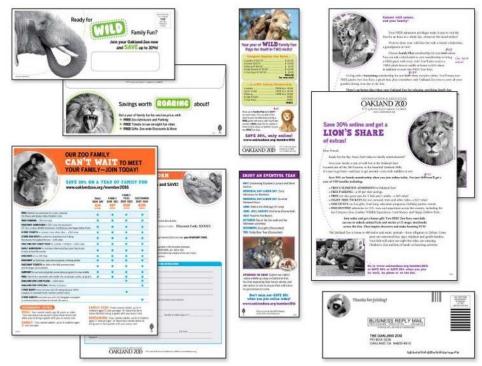
#### New Webstore





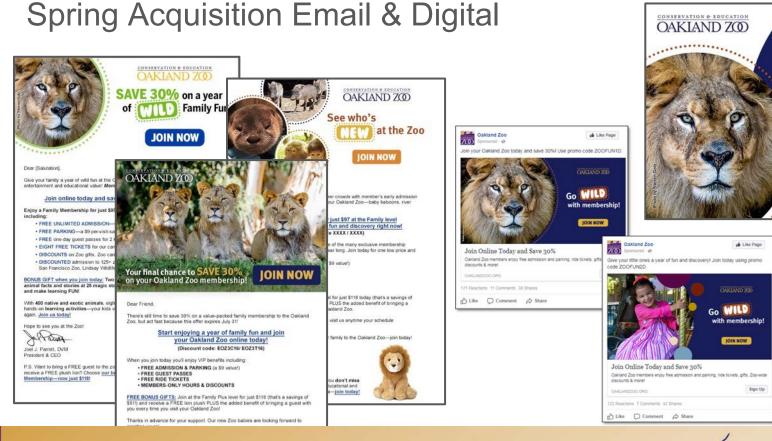


# Spring 2016 Acquisition DM Package









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Use promo code SAVE30 to join online today and SAVE 30%

OFFER EXPIRES JULY 31, 2016

#### A Caveat...



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#### The Results!



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response rate to multichannel campaign





online redemption



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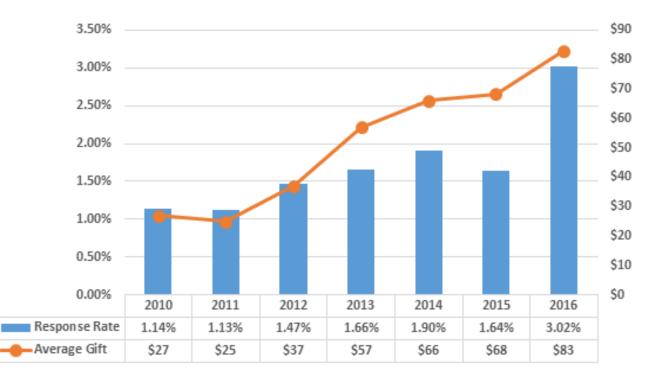
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## The Results!

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## Next up: a Blockbuster!







# National Museum of Women in the Arts

Carolyn Higgins, Membership Manager

## National Museum of Women in the Arts





## Gender Disparity in the Arts

# Do women have to be naked to get into the Met. Museum?

Less than 3% of the artists in the Modern Art sections are women, but 83% of the nudes are female.

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#### What is #5WomenArtists?



NatiMuseumWomenArts @ @WomenInTheArts - 8 Mar 2016 Happy International Women's Day! It's a perfect day to take the challenge: can you name #5womenartists? #IWD2016



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#### **#5WomenArtists Results**



## #5WomenArtists in Direct Marketing





represents two artworks.

Each

Join as a member by November 30 for limited-time savings on membership and to be recognized on the 30th Anniversary Members List at NMWA!

OF WOMEN

THE ARTS

# Women's March on Washington

- Following the result of the election in November, close to 500,000 people came to Washington for the Women's March.
- How can the museum be a part of the conversation and become a safe space for marchers?



# Women's March on Washington



# Women's March on Washington: Impact on NMWA



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katybirdstyles Day one in DC and rocking our Rosie the Riveter outfits! #wecandoit #whyimarch riverofthenorth Perfection.

♥ Q 37 likes

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Add a comment...

# Ideas and Conclusions

Be positive



Create a plan and execute carefully



Collaborate across departments



Be sure your membership assets are excellent





Communicate with your members

## Thank you! Questions?



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