Cincinnati Art Museum

Donor Privacy Policy

Introduction

The Cincinnati Art Museum maintains the highest level of respect for the privacy of its donors. In furtherance of our commitment to honor your rights, we have developed this Donor Privacy Policy to guide our volunteers and staff on how they may and may not use your personal information. This policy may be updated from time to time.

Policy

The Cincinnati Art Museum collects and uses personal information from donors, which includes: names, amount donated, address, telephone number, donor comments and e-mail address. IRS regulations require the Museum to keep contact information and contribution level of donors on file. This donor information and history is also used by the Department of Development to analyze overall giving patterns in order to make accurate budget projections.

The Cincinnati Art Museum will never publish, sell, trade, rent or share names (unless released for publication), e-mail or mail addresses, or telephone numbers of our donors. The Museum will use contact information (e-mail, telephone number and address) of donors for these purposes only:

- Distribute receipts for donations
- Thank donors for their donation
- Inform donors about upcoming fundraising and other activities of the Art Museum
- Internal analysis and record keeping
- Reporting to relevant U.S. and State agencies (these reports are not for public inspection)
- Contact donors about changes to this policy

All access to donor financial information is strictly limited to professional staff that needs to process those data. No such data are given to any person, organization or group which does not need to access those data.

Donor Bill of Rights

The Cincinnati Art Museum subscribes to the Donor Bill of Rights.

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:
1. To be informed of the organization’s mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization’s governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to the organization’s most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

The text of the Donor Bill of Rights in its entirety was developed by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel (AAFRC), Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE).