

Job Title: Curator



Location: Bengaluru (On-site)

Reports to: Museum Director and Head of Curation

Type: Full-time

Deadline for Application: 30 August, 2026

About the Indian Music Experience Museum (IME)

The Indian Music Experience Museum (IME) is India's first interactive music museum, dedicated to celebrating the diverse soundscape of the country. Through immersive galleries, collaborative exhibitions, educational programmes, and live performances, IME aims to make music accessible to all and inspire a deeper appreciation of India's rich musical heritage.

About the Role

The Indian Music Experience Museum (IME) is seeking a dynamic, forward-thinking **Curator** to join our curatorial team. This role offers an exciting opportunity to re-imagine music and music history for diverse public audiences. As Curator, you will drive exhibition concepts, maintain permanent galleries, engage with artists and scholars, and contribute to institutional growth in a vibrant cultural ecosystem.

Key Responsibilities

- **Exhibition Development & Research:** Conceptualize, research, and execute temporary, travelling and permanent exhibitions that present Indian music history—classical, folk, tribal, and popular—in innovative, accessible ways.
- **Team & Financial Leadership:** Manage curatorial staff and project teams; develop, oversee, and reconcile departmental and exhibition budgets.
- **Collections Management & Gallery Care:** Oversee gallery maintenance, display updates, conservation protocols, and provenance documentation for museum collections.
- **Artist & Academic Liaison:** Build and maintain relationships with musicians, scholars, archives, and cultural institutions to facilitate research, loans, and collection additions.
- **Institutional Representation & Networking:** Represent IME at public forums, academic symposia, and industry networks to expand the museum's reach and collaborative potential.
- **Public Engagement & Content Writing:** Write high-quality, engaging curatorial copy, including wall panels, exhibition catalogs, grant proposals, and educational materials.
- **Travel:** Travel as required for field research, lender coordination, and institutional partnerships.

Qualifications & Key Requirements

- **Education:** Minimum Phd, MPhil or Master's degree in Performing Arts, Art History, Curatorial Studies, Musicology, or related cultural disciplines.
- **Experience:** Minimum 8-10 years of professional experience in an arts organization or museum. Direct hands-on experience in curating and arts management is essential. Proven track record in handling teams and managing project budgets is required.
- **Domain Knowledge:** Strong interest in and knowledge of music history, with an openness to curating across diverse genres of Indian music.
- **Language & Communication:** Exceptional research and writing skills in English. Professional fluency in English and at least one additional Indian language is required.
- **Skills:** Strong organizational, networking, and leadership abilities; comfortable managing complex multi-stakeholder project timelines and financial workflows.

What We Offer

- Supportive leadership, committed to relevant, immersive audience experiences and strategic growth
- Opportunity to be part of a growing institution at the intersection of music, culture, and education
- A collaborative, creative, and learning-driven work environment
- Scope for professional development, experimentation, and growth in the Indian arts sector
- Competitive remuneration, commensurate with experience

How to Apply

- Send an email to museumdirector@indianmusicexperience.org with the subject line: **"Application - Curator | IME"** with the following:
 - A cover letter outlining your curatorial interest, arts management experience, and suitability for the role
 - Your CV as an attachment or link
 - A portfolio of previous exhibitions or experiences designed
 - Contact details for two professional references

The Indian Music Experience Museum is an equal opportunity employer committed to building an inclusive and diverse workplace. We welcome applications from candidates of all backgrounds and will provide reasonable accommodations throughout the recruitment process where required.