

AUSTIN MUSEUM OF ART CUTS JOBS

The Austin Museum of Art has cut jobs and reduced benefits, in response to a 10% budget cut. Senior staff have taken a 10% pay cut. All staff must take a week furlough, and 401(k) matching has been discontinued. The museum also laid off five employees at its downtown and Laguna Gloria locations. In January, the museum cut staff 10%. The Austin Museum of Art is Austin, Texas's primary community art museum, since it was established in 1961 as Laguna Gloria Art Museum. The museums roots date to 1943, when Clara Driscoll donated her 1916 lakeside estate in west Austin to be used "as a museum to bring pleasure in the appreciation of art to the people of Texas."

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