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New Tate Trustee

The Prime Minister has appointed Maja Hoffmann as a Tate Trustee, for the four years from 28 June 2010.

Biographical Notes

Maja Hoffmann is a contemporary art collector, and a supporter and producer of international art, film, publishing and environmental projects. She is the Founder of the LUMA Foundation (2004) whose aim is to launch and produce cultural and art projects worldwide. It also supports a number of art-based international initiatives and institutional projects, such as Kunsthalle Zurich and Kunsthalle Basel, the Fotomuseum Winterthur, the Palais de Tokyo in Paris, the Venice Biennale and Artangel and the Serpentine Gallery in London. It is also involved in planning one of the major cultural sites in Europe, the Parc des Ateliers in Arles.

She is President of the Kunsthalle Zurich Foundation, and Vice-President of the Council of the Emanuel Hoffmann-Stiftung in Basel. She is also a Board Member of the New Museum of Contemporary Art and the Bard College Center for Curatorial Studies at Annandale-on-Hudson in New York State. She holds no other public appointments in the UK.

Background

Tate's mission, laid down by the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, is to increase public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of art. Its responsibilities are safeguarding and enhancing its assets which are the collections, expertise in the collections and subject area, and the buildings. Tate seeks to spread the benefits of those assets by maximising access and developing value for visitors, satisfying stakeholders and through effective organisation and sound financial management. Tate Trustees are not remunerated.

The appointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity in the United Kingdom in the past five years (if any declared) to be made public. Ms Hoffmann has declared no political activity.