

AZ Insider: Famous Couple Donates \$2.5 Million to Arts

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Kathy reports on why it's a HOME RUN for the Phoenix Art Museum.

It's a home run for the **Phoenix Art Museum** and the arts! **Suzanne** and **Bud Selig**, a well-known, well-respected Milwaukee and Phoenix philanthropic couple, are gifting \$2.5 million to the Phoenix Art Museum. The significant contribution is one of the largest gifts the Phoenix Art Museum has received in recent years.

"Bud and I truly love Phoenix Art Museum and wanted our contribution to be applied toward something that is instrumental in the growth of this wonderful institution," said **Sue Selig**. (She's pictured above with **Bud** at the Museum's major "**The pARTY**" fundraising gala.) "This museum holds a special place in our hearts and we hope our contribution allows it to develop into a museum that is recognized both nationally and internationally."

Sue, is a member of Phoenix Art Museum's Board of Trustees and her husband **Bud**, the Commissioner Emeritus of Baseball (the former longtime Major League Baseball Commissioner and owner of the Milwaukee Brewers) are avid contributors to the arts and other charities in both Arizona and Wisconsin.

The Phoenix Art Museum Board is excited that the \$2.5M gift from the **Seligs** will fund the position of a Chief Curator,

Amada Cruz, The **Sybil Harrington** Director of Phoenix Art Museum added, "As the first Chief Curator in over a decade, *The Selig Family Chief Curator* will develop an overall exhibitions and collections strategy that benefits the largest art museum in the Southwest. This position will allow our Museum to move to its next phase of expanded programming and enhanced visitor experiences."

Phoenix Art Museum Board of Trustees Chairman **Jim Patterson** adds that, "Their gift will enable the Phoenix Art Museum to add a Chief Curator to our talented curatorial team that we were not otherwise in a position to do; this will enable the Museum to reach new heights in curatorial excellence."



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