

# A Big Brand Means Big Responsibility: Living Up to Today's Consumer Expectations

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### ALL LIVES ON EARTH SHARE A COMMON THREAD.

### CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

To select products and partners that minimize adverse impacts on our planet, and that promote conservation to ensure the long term ability for all living things to thrive in their natural environments.

### DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

To champion inclusion and diversity by ensuring that our teams and our partners represent all people regardless of their race, ethnicity, age, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

### UNIVERSAL EDUCATION

To advocate for universal education that is fair and accessible for all, with an emphasis on programs that address the ongoing challenges of social inequality, climate change and wild habitat destruction.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

To promote access to economic opportunity and political representation, social rights and justice for all people, especially those most underrepresented and in greatest need of advocacy.

### LOCAL COMMUNITY

To stimulate local economies and to represent regional tastes and influences by sourcing through local vendors.

OUR COMMITMENT ... CURATED FOR PURPOSE, ON PURPOSE.





## Museums seen as highly credible

- This perception of credibility that cultural organizations are reliable sources of information - has increased since the onset of the pandemic.
- Trusted at higher levels than newspapers, state and federal agencies, and non-government organizations.
- The public does not view museums, zoos, aquariums, as having a political agenda.
- The public believes museums, zoos, aquariums, etc., should recommend actions and/or behaviors in support of their causes and missions.

Source: IMPACTS data from 2017, 2019, 2020.





### **Panelists**



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Jennifer Lemmer Posey
Tibbals Curator of Circus
John and Mable Ringling
Museum of Art



Elaine St. George

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### Sustainability – consumer trends

- 92% of consumers are trying to live more sustainably, but 54% think they could be doing more
- 92% say sustainable business practices should now be standard
- 90% say that companies/brands have a responsibility to take care of the planet and its people
- 91% think companies/brands that pollute the environment should be fined
- 86% agree that companies/brands that continue to deplete finite resources are stealing from the future

Source: The New Sustainability: Regeneration" report, October 2018 <a href="https://www.wundermanthompson.com/insight/new-trend-report-the-new-sustainability-regeneration">https://www.wundermanthompson.com/insight/new-trend-report-the-new-sustainability-regeneration</a>



# Addressing Sustainability, and Conservation Education







# Evan Barniskis Associate Vice President for Mote Aquarium









### DR. EUGENIE CLARK - THE SHARK LADY









### RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION AT MOTE











### **CORAL RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION**









### SEA TURTLE RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION











### MANATEE RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION











### **ENTERTAIN, EDUCATE, AND INSPIRE**











### **COMMUNICATION AND REPRESENTATION**





The Association of Zoos and Aquariums celebrates

### **Women in Conservation**



Panelist: Amanda (Hodo) Felix, Aquarium Biologist III at Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium

Amanda began her career in aquarium husbandry with internships at Mote Aquarium and the Shedd Aquarium, and has worked at Mote since December 2014. She helped design and now oversees Mote's Aquarium Conservation Laboratory, breeding fish and invertebrate species and sharing those offspring with other zoos and aquariums. Amanda was one of the four winners of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' nationwide video contest in 2018, and was featured in AZNs national campaign that aired February 2019.

#WomenOfAZA

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### THE GOOD, THE SAD, AND THE SNUGGLY











### SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES





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### FOOD AND BEVERAGE PARTNERSHIPS











### **RETAIL PARTNERSHIPS**













### OceansforAll

IMPROVING ACCESS TO MARINE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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# Addressing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility





# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility – business case

\$12tn

in additional GDP if **gender gap** is narrowed by 2025

\$2bn

in potential revenue
if financial
inclusion efforts
broaden services for
black Americans

160m

women

may need to change jobs through 2030 due to automation

Source: https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/diversity-and-inclusion/diversity-wins-how-inclusion-matters





# **DEIA** = success, profits

2019 analysis finds that companies in the top quartile for gender diversity and ethnic diversity on executive teams were 25% and 36%, respectively,

more likely to have above-average profitability

than companies in the fourth quartile.

Source: https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/diversity-and-inclusion/diversity-wins-how-inclusion-matters







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### TheRingling

INCLUSION, INSPIRATION, EXCELLENCE







# **Building Community DEIA at The Ringling**









"Every family has their special place. A place where adventures are embarked upon and priceless memories are made to be stored in the banks of our hearts forever. Ringling is our special family place."

Cynthia Gaeta
 The Ringling WEB Family Member

#### **MISSION**

The Ringling serves as the legacy of John and Mable Ringling—a place of art, architecture, and circus in an environment that inspires, educates, and entertains.

#### **VISION**

The Ringling is an extraordinary center of art and culture that engages the local, state, and global communities and is accessible to and inclusive of all.

### **INCLUSION**

Be Accessible and Inclusive of All

#### **INSPIRATION**

Be a Forum for Creative Ideas

#### **EXCELLENCE**

Broaden Our Impact







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### FREE ADMISSION FOR EBT & WIC CARD HOLDERS





#### WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS



The Ringling Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) program 1s an outreach program that works to engage low income and underrepresented families in our community by bringing museum expenences and art-making opportunities to them. WEB connects the museum to our community through our partnerships with non-profit organizations and partic1pat1on in local events.



























### BEING SEEN











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#### The Ringling

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The Ringling stands against police brutality and institutional and structural racism. Black lives matter.

We stand for those wtlo can't: George Floyd, Atlmaud Arbery, Breanna Taylar, Tony McDade, and countless mare Black lives that have been losl

Museums tlave historically excluded people of color. We recognize our failures, and we are working to be inclusive of people of color in our community and beyond. We are actively learning and listening.

we believe that museums, and Ttle Ringling, must be a space for trealing and civic discourse, which includes the discussion of cut nation's tlistory of racism and racial violence. We have a moral obligation for our institution to include the perspectives of all people, as expressed through hLman creativity and innovation.

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Mark Bond ALLLIVES MATTER

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Rachael Winzeler Thank you! Yes!

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Anthony Joseph So you don't care about other races? Oh, and to bad people didn't gel this upset over the 5 year old who was chucked off the 3rd story in the man Or how about the white woman who was shot by a black cop last month. But alas they are white, and like you say, black lives matter, no others

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# Addressing Safety and New Safety Expectations





# Safety is a top motivator for visiting cultural attractions...

Guests want to know:

What MEASURES are you taking to keep them safe?

What is EXPECTED OF THEM — policies regarding face coverings, maintaining social distances, temperature screenings at entry, etc.

Source: Voice of the Visitor 2021, PGAV Destinations and H2R Market Research







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**Arrival Brand Storytelling** 



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# **Internal Guest Experience**



















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# Thank you!



