## MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE

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# MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE APPOINTS SARA GUERRERO-RIPPBERGER AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Astoria, Queens, New York, August 30, 2017—Museum of the Moving Image has hired Sara Angel Guerrero-Rippberger to serve as the Museum's Deputy Director of Education and Community Engagement, a newly created senior management position. Museum of the Moving Image strives to empower youth to become thoughtful and creative content creators of the rapidly converging mediums of film, television, and games, as well as participatory social media platforms.

For the past two years, Dr. Guerrero-Rippberger served as the Director of Education and Public Engagement at No Longer Empty, an organization that activates engagement with art and social issues through site-responsive and community-centered exhibitions integrated with educational and cultural programming. Dr. Guerrero-Rippberger also served as board member of the Queens-based art space Local Project, Inc. and research consultant at Baruch College.

In her time at No Longer Empty, Dr. Guerrero-Rippberger initiated the organization's first Community Advisory Council, Community Art and Data Lab, Fellowship in Education and Public Engagement, and Digital Storytelling Sketchbook Project, while leading job development programs in exhibition-making for youth and elders. At MoMl, Sara will build upon her background as founding manager of the New New Yorkers Program at the Queens Museum and draw from her studies on the social impact of video art production from urban Arab and Latin American art collectives as graduate candidate in art theory at University of the Arts London.

MoMI Executive Director Carl Goodman said, "In addition to maintaining and growing our work with 50,000 youth per year, Sara's talents, experience, and intellectual strength are essential to the Museum as we expand our work with the underresourced communities of Queens, especially immigrant populations, people with disabilities, youth on the autism spectrum, and residents of public housing developments."

Dr. Guerrero-Rippberger said, "It is an honor to serve as MoMI's first Director of Education and Community Engagement and lead new developments in community collaborations with a strong team of educators, curators, and moving image artists who inspire and engage thousands of NYC school children, teens, and families every year."

No Longer Empty's Co-Founder and Chief Curator, Manon Slome said, "We are so delighted for Sara to make this important transition in her career and we look forward to many future collaborations with her and MoMI in her new position."

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### **About Museum of the Moving Image**

Museum of the Moving Image (<u>movingimage.us</u>) advances the understanding, enjoyment, and appreciation of the art, history, technique, and technology of film, television, and digital media. In its stunning facilities—acclaimed for both its accessibility and bold design—the Museum presents exhibitions; screenings of significant works; discussion programs featuring actors, directors, craftspeople, and business leaders; and education programs which serve more than 50,000 students each year. The Museum also houses a significant collection of moving-image artifacts.

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#### **MUSEUM INFORMATION**

<u>Hours</u>: Tuesday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, 10:30 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Museum Admission: \$15 adults (18+); \$11 senior citizens (65+) and students (18+) with ID; \$7 youth (ages 3–17). Children under 3 and Museum members are admitted free. Admission to the galleries is free on Fridays, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

<u>Film Screenings</u>: Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays, and as scheduled. Unless otherwise noted, ticket are \$15 adults / \$11 seniors and students / \$7 youth 3–17 / Free for members at the Film Lover and Kids Premium levels and above. Advance purchase is available online. Ticket purchase may be applied toward same-day admission to the Museum's galleries.

Location: 36-01 35 Avenue (at 37 Street) in Astoria.

<u>Subway</u>: M (weekdays only) or R to Steinway Street. W (weekdays only) or N to 36 Avenue.

<u>Program Information</u>: Telephone: 718 777 6888; Website: <u>movingimage.us</u> <u>Membership</u>: movingimage.us/support/membership or 718 777 6877

Museum of the Moving Image is housed in a building owned by the City of New York and has received significant support from the following public agencies: New York City Department of Cultural Affairs; New York City Economic Development Corporation; New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature; Institute of Museum and Library Services; National Endowment for the Humanities; National Endowment for the Arts; and Natural Heritage Trust (administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation). For more information, please visit movingimage.us.