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Drawing on years of experience and top-flight expertise, Barry Lord and Maria Piacente detail the exhibition process in a straightforward way that can be easily adapted by institutions of any size. They explore the exhibition development process in greater detail, providing the technical and practical methodologies museum professionals need today. They've added new features and expanded chapters on project management, financial planning and interactive multimedia while retaining the essential content related to interpretive planning, curatorship, and roles and responsibilities.

This second edition of the standby *Manual of Museum Exhibitions* is arranged in four parts:

- Why – Covering the purpose of exhibits, where exhibit ideas come from, and how to measure success
- Where – Covering facilities and spaces, going into details including security, and interactive spaces
- What – A look at both permanent collection displays, and non-collection displays, as well as virtual, participatory, temporary, travelling displays, and retail sales
- How – Who is involved, planning, curatorship, and content development, design, multimedia, fabrication and installation, financial planning, and project management

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Editorial Review

Review

Well written, practical suggestions and helpful tools; it is easy to see that Maria has decades of experience in the museum milieu. Her insight and common sense suggestions are born of years of assisting clients the world over develop award-winning exhibits. This is a must-read for every museum professional. (Marie Chapman, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21)

As a producer and fabricator of museum exhibitions, I have tremendous appreciation of the numerous and sometimes daunting task and processes necessary in the development, production and installation of any successful exhibition project. This manual provides a wealth of knowledge for anyone in unfamiliar waters in terms of creating planning and producing a major exhibit – an excellent guide sharing proven museum practices. (James Hungerford, Chief Executive Officer, Xibitz Inc.)

This *Manual* provides clear, concise, well-organized analysis of the museum program, the museum as a constantly evolving building type, and transformative design opportunities. With it, innovative concepts can be developed, precisely focused on the client needs and the evolution of the museum as an institution. (Michael Leckman, Principal, Diamond Schmitt Architects, Toronto, Canada)

A library or archive with special collections may be interested in enhancing the visitor's experience by applying the guidance in *Manual of Museum Exhibitions*. (*American Libraries*)

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