

Curatorial Tropes & Common Behaviors for Standard Curatorial Activity 2/15/2020

Artist Talk
Artist/Curator Talk
Artist/Curator/Critic Talk + water
Curator Panel (With usual suspects)
Slide Show (To keep audience awake)
Curatorial Didactic (pump it up)
Opening w/DJ late or string quartet early
Keywords in Title (sells+aids algorithm search)
Catalog (resume notch) (says thanks to usual folks)
Essay (reworked from boilerplate template)
Ephemera (Sell baby, sell)
Canvas Tote Bag (organic, grass fed, soy-based ink)
Performance (Opening) (stand around watch...yawn)
Performance (Series) (We've brought to town...)
Ask other Curators (Bandwagon certification)
Proximity (Elbow-rubbers anonymous)
Board of Trustees (It's their money—use it wisely)
Collectors Council (Private dinner invites?)
Critic Preview (Local news papers' part-timer art critic)
Snobbery (Always works with the lesser thans)
Anthology (Copied and used others' art writings)
Suck Up (Benefits down the road)
Flight the next day (really didn't want to be there)
Revolving Door (3-5 years with planned exit)
Career Highlights (Does not include you)
Selected (Removed the shitty & nontrendy shows)
Editing (Based on my terms but won't tell you them)
Explanation (Must explain caveat to prevent backlash)
Placate Groups (Act like you alley with those people)
Deflect Criticism (They wouldn't let me do that)
When we talked earlier (You weren't part of dialogue)
We were just talking about... (Car ride from airport)
To quote... (Enter any obvious related art quote)
It's time to open up for questions (We have slow mics) (Please use mic)
The white cube is... (Enter just about anything that gets you off)
Let the market decide... (All-encompassing deflection)
Conventional practice (Don't know contemporary art)
Join us afterwards... (Not really--please leave)
She/he/they curated (Quote several long titles/names)
I just saw the film... (30 sec. clip on Utube)
I was in... (Via motel room on outskirts of city)
One of the jobs of a curator is... (Add "ing" verb)
Who is the audience for this___? (It's not you!)
Warhol was___. (Enter anything to dumb audience)
The readymade began the... (Enter Pop Culture term)
Patrons' dinner party (\$\$\$\$) (Buy in fucker)
Tour with curator... (Pay more for private access)
Via the lens of... (Name drop audience group)
When I worked at... (Enter unpaid internship at museum)
We researched... (But it was really a VayCay)
Private email (Not the fake museum email)
Private social media (Too cool to lower yourself)
Look smart (Perception is everything, baby!)
Excuse me... (Sees person of importance & leaves)
Uncomfortable subject (Conservative patrons upset)
In these difficult times... (Skirting Fascism)
Has presented at... (At CAA or AAMC with friends for 15 min)
Went to biennial... (But only attended the glam VIP party)
New platform added (Same thing everywhere else)
Open to all ... (Just don't ask difficult questions)
Experimental (We never used this approach)
Symposium (Paid folks to come to talk about topic)
Initiatives (Other folks did it for me cuz I didn't do it)
T-shirts (Black & White version same at all museums)
Give a show to NYC loudmouth who's in town to get show
The show will tour to... (Who paid most for it + friends)
Speaker (local state sponsored university f/pt teacher)
Don't visit local artists (But go to hack NY/Miami fairs)
Smoke pot w/local artist (Then give'm show + collect them)
Discretely drink at fav gay bar (To hear the real lives of artists)
Categorize and codify all art, artists, and audiences to fit museum trends
Add real long dead museum trustee name to your title
Show same work from past curator job/museum
State/drop your past university