

SARA M. BOGOSIAN BIO

As President and Executive Director of the oldest incorporated art organization in the country, The Lowell Art Association, Inc. and Whistler House Museum of Art, Bogosian has brought international recognition to the Museum, City of Lowell and to the State through the acquisition of works by the famous Abstract Expressionist artist, Arshile Gorky. Her work has taken her, along with the Gorky Foundation team, promoting the 2009 Gorky Retrospective to such well-known art institutions as the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Tate Modern in London, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, the Whitney in NY and the Gagosian Galleries in NY and London. She collaborated with the Smithsonian in D. C., Glasgow University-Center for Whistler Studies, the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow, Scotland and the Lunder Consortium for Whistler Studies. She is working with James Costos, Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, who she visited, at the US Embassy in Madrid as part of the Arts In Embassy Program of the U. S. Department of State. At that time, she met with key executive directors of the top museums in Spain, including Sr. Miguel Zugaza Miranda from the Museo Nacional del Prado.

As a community activist, her reach has been wide-spread serving on over 20 organizations, many of the most important organizations throughout the region, representing schools, the university, the city, hospitals, churches, arts and culture. (EX: Whistler House Museum of Art, Girls Inc., Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Lowell General Hospital, Friends of Pollard Library, Sts Vartanantz Armenian Church, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, AHANA at Boston College, The Pike School in Andover, St. Robert's School in Andover and St. John's Prep in Danvers and the United Way, just to name a few.) Last year she was named one of Lowell Sun's Salute to Women, honoring top women in the Merrimack Valley. Her historic restoration work at the Whistler House has won prestigious awards from the U. S. Department of Interiors, Lowell National Park and the Lowell Heritage Partnership.

As a career woman, she has worked for and with some of the leading Fortune 500 companies in the country and the region. She founded her own business in 1994, SMB Associates Consulting, a firm specializing in Development, Marketing, Public Relations and Fundraising, serving some of the top companies in the region (Sun Oil, Lahey Clinic, MIT, Columbia University, Beacon Companies, EUA Cogenex, etc.) along with many local organizations and businesses such as Merrimack Repertory Theatre as their Executive Director of Development and UMass Lowell as their Executive Director of Special Projects raising millions of dollars for development and scholarships.

She served on the board of directors of NAASR (National Association of Armenian Studies and Research) promoting Armenian Studies throughout the world with educational partners such as Harvard, Columbia, Stanford, Tufts, MIT and Clark Universities.

In addition, she serves on the board of directors for Greenwich International Advisory Services, Inc. , a global financial services consulting firm.

A 15-year breast cancer survivor, Sara started a network of women battling the disease and helped support the establishment of the Healing Garden in Harvard, MA, a haven for women battling breast cancer. She continues to help newly diagnosed women face the challenges of breast cancer through personal training and support. Fluent in several languages, Sara also helps women of foreign descent understand the medical needs required with a life threatening illness.

She holds degrees in education, business and art history from Indiana University, University of Pittsburgh and the Wharton School of Business (UPENN), and studied at New York University and UMass Lowell.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sara lives in Massachusetts. She has been married for 39 years. She has two children who both live in Manhattan.