

The James Irvine Foundation



Location: San Francisco,
California

Scope of Work: Evaluation

MMC began work with The James Irvine Foundation (Irvine) to design a four-year comprehensive, longitudinal evaluation for the *Museum Youth Initiative (MYI)* based on the Youth Development Framework. The evaluation encompassed ten museums ranging in discipline, scope, and size. Current *MYI* museums include:

- Bay Area Discovery Museum, *Sausalito, California*
- Bowers Museum of Cultural Art, *Santa Ana, California*
- The Mexican Museum, *San Francisco, California*
- Palm Springs Desert Museum, *Palm Springs, California*
- San Bernardino County Museum, *Redlands, California*
- San Diego Natural History Museum, *San Diego, California*
- San Joaquin County Historical Society, *Lodi, California*
- San José Museum of Art, *San José, California*
- Santa Barbara Museum of Art, *Santa Barbara, California*
- Turtle Bay Museums and Arboretum on the River, *Redding, California*

The *MYI* seeks to strengthen the ability of California museums to educate young people by working collaboratively with schools to provide students with after-school educational experiences that contribute to their understanding of school curriculum and motivate them to seek additional learning experiences.