



## Honor Harger - How Museums Help Communities Heal

Honor Harger is the executive director for ArtScience Museum in Singapore. As curator, the museum has held large-scale exhibitions by some of the world's best known artists, including Leonardo da Vinci and Salvador Dali. The museum has also hosted exhibitions exploring aspects of science including big data, particle physics, natural history, marine biology, cosmology and space exploration. .

In this TED talk, Honor Harger talks about how the museum engaged with people during the Covid 19 pandemic through streamed talks, performances and workshops.

Watch the video in the link below, and answer the questions with as much information as possible.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvKC5ACxXYA>

**Vocabulary to check before answering the questions:**

**a curator** - A person in charge of a museum.

**to flock** - To go somewhere in large numbers or in big groups

**a custodian** - Someone who has responsibility to take care of something such as a large building

1. **(00:00-00:28)** What exactly does the ArtScience museum in Singapore do?
2. **(00:28-00:58)** What types of exhibitions did people come to see at the museum 6 months ago, and what are 2 examples that Honor Harker gives?
4. **(00:58-01:09)** Why did visitors young and old 'flock' to ArtScience museum?
5. **(01:09-01:33)** What measures did the museum have to take when the pandemic struck?
6. **(01:33-01:55)** What 2 factors caused visitor numbers at the museum to fall, and by how much did visitor numbers fall before the museum eventually had to close?
7. **(01:55-02:15)** What 4 aspects of running a museum were no longer valid in a world wrecked by the pandemic?
8. **(02:15-02:34)** What are the exact words that Honor Harger says in these 19 seconds?
9. **(02:34-03:13)** What does the ArtScience at Home project enable. What 3 things is the project doing?



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10. **(03:29-04:10)** What have they noticed since the start of the project, and what are they doing about it?

**BONUS QUESTION (04:03-04:10)** Did you catch the name of the film that they are screening?

11. **(04:41-04:49)** What does Honor Harger say about the role of museum professionals at the ArtScience Museum?
12. **(04:49-05:34)** What is the Latin meaning of the word “curator”, and how are they aiming to stay true to that meaning with their current show?
13. **(05:34-06:00)** What did the writer Rene Denfeld say about people in crisis, and does Honor Harger agree?