

## **Indianapolis Museum of Art Announces Interim Leadership Plan**

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN**, November 7, 2011— The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the Indianapolis Museum of Art has developed a plan for the interim leadership of the museum during the search for its next director. The Executive Committee has asked the museum's senior leadership team to oversee the museum's day-to-day operations and to guide the institution's progress on its Strategic Plan, which was approved by the Board of Governors in December 2010. Jennifer Bartenbach, the IMA's Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary, will assume the responsibilities of museum administrator during this interim period. Per the museum's bylaws, the Corporate Secretary participates in Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings, and she is designated by the Board of Governors as a signing officer for documents.

"IMA senior leaders have a strong track record of successfully implementing planned strategic initiatives and running a great operation. The Board has full confidence in the museum's senior leadership team and their ability to continue this work during the transition period," explained Steve Russell, chairman of the IMA's Board of Governors.

The members of the senior leadership team include:

- Jennifer Bartenbach, Chief Financial Officer
- Nick Cameron, Chief Operating Officer
- Lisa Freiman, Chair, Department of Contemporary Art, and Senior Curator
- Kathryn Haigh, Deputy Director for Collections and Exhibitions
- Ellen Lee, Wood-Pulliam Senior Curator
- Cynthia Rallis, Chief Development Officer
- Rob Stein, Deputy Director for Research, Technology and Engagement
- Katie Zarich, Deputy Director for Public Affairs
- Mark Zelonis, Ruth Lilly Deputy Director for Environmental and Historic Preservation

Maxwell Anderson, the Melvin & Bren Simon Director and CEO of the IMA, will step down December 31, 2011. Tom Hiatt, Secretary of the IMA Board of Governors, is chairing the search committee for the museum's next director. The search is expected to take six months to one year.

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