

The Heckscher Museum of Art

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The Heckscher Museum of Art Appoints New Executive Director and CEO

Huntington, NY– The Board of Trustees of The Heckscher Museum of Art has appointed Heather Arnet, right, as the organization’s Executive Director and CEO.

Robin T. Hadley, Chair of the Board said, “Heather brings a wealth of leadership experience, innovative thinking, and community engagement to the Museum. We are fortunate to be adding someone of her caliber to The Heckscher Museum.” Arnet will join the Museum in June 2022.

Arnet is the CEO of Women and Girls Foundation (WGF), a community-based organization in Pittsburgh, PA, dedicated to advancing gender equality. Throughout her 18-year tenure, Arnet established award-winning youth and adult civic engagement programs, created extensive partnerships with museums and cultural centers, reached diverse communities, and raised significant support.



“The Heckscher Museum was interested in a leader who was community-centered, forward-facing, able to engage diverse audiences, and advance the important work of The Heckscher Museum. Heather fits that profile perfectly,” stated Robert Aquilina, Trustee and Chair of the Search Committee.

In addition to her work at WGF, Arnet serves as Co-Chair of the Council for Feminist Art at the Brooklyn Museum, and has worked collaboratively with teams at the Brooklyn Museum, the Frick Pittsburgh, the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, the Carnegie Museums, and the Andy Warhol Museum to develop public programming. Prior to joining WGF, Arnet was Director of Development at City Theatre, and as Vice President of Marketing and Brand Development for internet-based start-up

companies. Early in her career, Arnet worked for five years on the production team for the educational television program *Mister Rogers Neighborhood*.

Arnet has a B.A. in Literary & Cultural Studies from Carnegie Mellon University and is completing her Master of Liberal Arts in Museum Studies from Harvard University Extension School.

“I am excited for the opportunity to join such a passionate and creative staff and Board of Trustees as we lead The Heckscher Museum of Art into the future,” said Arnet. “I look forward to applying my experience in community development and civic engagement to advancing the Museum’s community-centered efforts, and growing its regional and national significance.”

John E. Coraor, who has served as Interim Director for the Museum, will continue as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Arnet was selected following a national search guided by Daniel Keegan, Senior Search Consultant, Museum Search & Reference, Manchester, NH, and Boston, MA.

ABOUT THE HECKSCHER MUSEUM OF ART

The Heckscher Museum of Art is in its second century as a source of art and inspiration on Long Island. Founded by philanthropists Anna and August Heckscher in 1920, the Museum’s collection comprises more than 2,300 works from the 16th to the 21st century, including European and American painting, sculpture, works on paper, and photography. Located in scenic Heckscher Park in Huntington, the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit Heckscher.org for more information.

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