



DELAWARE ART MUSEUM

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DELAWARE ART MUSEUM ELECTS FOUR NEW TRUSTEES

WILMINGTON, DE (May 20, 2013) – The Delaware Art Museum is pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees and Museum Members elected **Vance V. Kershner, Wendy (Cortesi) Makins, Carol S. Rothschild,** and **Joshua M. Twilley** to three-year terms at their Annual Members Meeting on May 15, 2013. Delaware Art Museum Trustees are dedicated community leaders who volunteer their time to guide the institution by monitoring the Museum’s finances, and ensuring that programs and policies are sustainable and consistent with the mission.

Vance V. Kershner is the founder and CEO of LabWare, a global company with offices in 15 countries. LabWare develops and implements software for automating laboratories in all types of industries, namely pharmaceuticals. Mr. Kershner has renovated his 100-year-old home on Kentmere Parkway, Buckley’s Tavern, and Oberod. He also operates a 15,000-acre game farm in South Africa (complete with a botanical garden in the bush), and is a partner in Scrub Island—the largest resort project ever undertaken in the British Virgin Islands. Mr. Kershner holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Delaware and enjoys collecting art and South African wines.

Wendy (Cortesi) Makins is a botanical artist and natural science photographer residing in Washington, D.C. In the past, she has also worked as a freelance graphic artist, fine artist, and journalist. She has held various staff or contract positions with the World Bank, the U.S. Senate, White House, the Corcoran College of Art and Design, National Geographic Society, and U.S. Postal Service. Ms. Makins has served on a number of boards, including the Atlantic Council and the Wyeth Foundation. She graduated with a B.A. in History of Art from Wellesley College and she also holds a certificate in Botanical Art and Illustration from Corcoran College. She is the widow of Christopher Makins, 2nd Baron Sherfield and the steward of his large collection of Pre-Raphaelite art. Ms. Makins has been a generous lender to the Delaware Art Museum and has also exhibited in the Outlooks Gallery (2012).

Carol S. Rothschild is returning after a leave of absence from the Delaware Art Museum's Board. She is an experienced, retired science teacher who taught for 27 years in nine different Delaware public schools—the last 13 years at William Penn High School. Since her retirement, she has turned her energies to serving on the boards of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, The Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Delaware Art Museum, and the Delaware Council for the Arts. She also served on the Governor's Statewide Educational Reform Committee and the board of the Delaware Children's Museum.

Joshua M. Twilley is President of Incorporating Services, Ltd. in Dover, DE, which provides corporate formation, registered agent, and compliancy services to the legal and entrepreneur community, with customers across the globe. With four offices nationwide, IncServ invests heavily in marketing and technology to grow its product offering and customer base. He is also a founder of the Kent County Fund for the Arts (KCFA), a Council Member of the Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council (DEFAC), and serves on both for-profit and non-profit boards. Mr. Twilley has a B.A. from Haverford College and an MBA from Yale School of Management. He lives in the Highlands neighborhood in Wilmington with his wife and two children.

In addition to electing these new individuals, the Museum's Members voted to approve second terms of service for Trustees Richard J. Immesberger and Alyssa S. O'Connell, as well as a first full term of service for John P. Garniewski. The Museum also thanks retiring trustees Carolyn S. Burger, Donald C. DeWees, Sr., Robert J. Krapf, Andrew T. Rowe, and Brock J. Vinton for their terms of service.

The newly configured Board met immediately after the Members Meeting and elected officers for 2013-2014. Gerret Copeland has been re-elected as Chairman of the Board and Elva Ferrari will succeed Don Puglisi as Board President. Ms. Ferrari also currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Devereux Foundation and is a member of the National Advisory Board of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. She has also served on the board of the Peninsula United Methodist Homes, Girls Inc. of Delaware, and Five Arrows International Bond Fund, a mutual fund based in Guernsey, Channel Islands.

Dr. Puglisi will continue on the Board for an additional year as a Trustee. Roberts W. Brokaw, III and Alyssa S. O'Connell will serve as Vice Presidents and Daniel M. Kristol will serve as Secretary. The Board also nominated Mike Miller to continue serving as the voting member of the ARTCO Board.

About the Delaware Art Museum

The Delaware Art Museum, located at 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19806, is open Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m. Admission fees are charged as follows: Adults (19 – 59) \$12, Seniors (60+) \$10, Students (with valid ID) \$6, Youth (7 – 18) \$6, and Children (6 and under) free. Admission fees are waived every Sunday thanks to support from generous individuals. For more information, call 302-571-9590 or 866-232-3714 (toll free), or visit the website at delart.org

Founded in 1912, the Delaware Art Museum is best known for its large collection of British Pre-Raphaelite art, works by Wilmington-native Howard Pyle and fellow American illustrators, and urban landscapes by John Sloan and his circle. Visitors can also enjoy the outdoor Copeland Sculpture Garden and a number of exhibitions throughout the year.

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