ASSOCIATION OF ART MUSEUM DIRECTORS TO MEET IN NEW ORLEANS

New York, NY—January 9, 2014—The mid-winter meeting of the Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) will be held in New Orleans, Sunday, January 12 through Tuesday, January 14. This will be the first meeting under the presidency of Timothy Rub, Director of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

AAMD was invited to New Orleans by its member in that city, Susan Taylor, who serves as the Director of the New Orleans Museum of Art and is Vice President of AAMD. During the meeting, the group will also visit the Contemporary Arts Center New Orleans.

The meeting will feature panel discussions, presentations by outside speakers, committee and task force meetings, and regular information-sharing sessions for members.

Presentations at the meeting will include:
- “Institutions and Intimacy: Building Trust in the Absence of Authority” presented by Steven Tepper, Associate Director of the Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy at Vanderbilt University;
- “Transformative Leadership” presented by Tulane University President Scott Cowen;
- “Change, Transformation, and Renewal in the Arts” presented by Ben Cameron, Program Director, Arts at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation;
- And a closing keynote address by Robert Edsel, Founder and President of the Monuments Foundation for the Preservation of Art and author of “The Monuments Men”.

Other highlights from the New Orleans meeting program are:
- A panel discussion, “Failure to Launch? Lessons from Leadership,” moderated by Jill Medvedow, Director, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston with panelists Dennis Scholl, Vice President, Arts for the Knight Foundation and Karen Brooks Hopkins, President, Brooklyn Academy of Music;
- A panel discussion “(Re)Building Communities Through the Arts” moderated by Susan Taylor, Director of the New Orleans Museum of Art and featuring the artists Mel Chin, Terence Blanchard, and Swoon as panelists.

Additional informal sessions provide opportunities for members to discuss other current issues of relevance and share information on such topics as the challenges faced by the Detroit Institute of Arts, ongoing efforts by AAMD and other partners to protect the charitable tax deduction, and future trends in the field. These programs are part of AAMD’s ongoing commitment to support its members in serving their communities and to bring different speakers with a range of perspectives to AAMD’s meetings. The complete meeting schedule is included below.
The Association of Art Museum Directors—representing 232 art museum directors in the US, Canada, and Mexico—promotes the vital role of art museums throughout North America and advances the profession by cultivating leadership and communicating standards of excellence in museum practice. Further information about AAMD’s professional practice guidelines and position papers is available at www.aamd.org.

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Tuesday, January 14

8:00 - 10:00  Board of Trustees Meeting (closed)
Room: Orpheum, Second Level

8:00 - 10:00  Continental Breakfast
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

8:30 - 10:00  Budget-Size Affinity Groups
Up to $5m Group | Room: Chambers 1 & 3, Mayor’s Suite Level
$5-$10m Group | Room: Chamber 4, Mayor’s Suite Level
$10-$20m Group | Room: Chamber 2, Mayor’s Suite Level

10:15 - 11:15  "Change, Transformation, and Renewal in the Arts"
Keynote Speech by Ben Cameron
Program Director, Arts, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
Introduction by Sylvia Wolf, Director, Henry Art Gallery
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

11:30 - 12:15  Buffet Lunch and AAMD Business Session
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

12:30 - 1:45  "The Monuments Men: Finishing the Mission"
Closing Keynote Speech by Robert Edsel
Author and Founder & President of the Monuments Men Foundation
Author of The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History, and most recently, Saving Italy.
Introduction by Brian Kennedy, Director, Toledo Museum of Art
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

2:30 - 5:30  Architectural Tour
Guide: Grover Mouton, Adjunct Associate Professor of Architecture,
Director of Tulane Regional Urban Design Center
Location: Bus will depart from hotel entrance on University Place
Sunday, January 12

8:00 - 5:00  Registration  
Room: Prytania, Second Level

8:15 - 10:15  Board of Trustees Meeting (closed)  
Room: Orpheum, Second Level

10:30 - 11:30  New Member Orientation  
Room: Conti, Mezzanine Level

11:45 - 1:00  Women Museum Directors Meeting  
Speaker: Adrienne Colella, McFarland Distinguished Chair in Business, A.B.  
Freeman School of Business at Tulane University  
Room: Orpheum, Second Level

12:30 - 2:00  Buffet Lunch  
Room: Blue Room, Lobby Level

1:15 - 2:30  Member-Organized Breakout Sessions  
Please refer to breakout sheet for topics and rooms.

1:00 - 3:45  Membership Committee Meeting (closed)  
Room: Pontalba, Mezzanine Level

2:30 - 3:45  Committee Sessions  
Education & Community Issues Committee | Room: Conti, Mezzanine Professional Issues Committee | Room: Orpheum, Second Level  
Nominating Committee (closed) | Room: Lafitte, Mezzanine

2:30 - 4:30  Architectural Tour  
Guide: Grover Mouton, Adjunct Associate Professor of Architecture,  
Director of Tulane Regional Urban Design Center  
Location: Bus will depart from hotel entrance on University Place

4:00 - 5:30  Contemporary Art Museum Directors Meeting  
Room: Conti, Mezzanine Level

4:00 - 5:30  College & University Museum Directors Meeting  
Room: Orpheum, Second Level

4:00 - 5:30  Task Force on Archaeological Materials & Ancient Art (closed)  
Room: Pontalba, Mezzanine Level

6:00  “Growing a Cultural Economy and Building a City”  
Opening Welcome: Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu of New Orleans  
Introduction by Susan Taylor, Director, New Orleans Museum of Art  
Room: Blue Room, Lobby Level

7:00  Depart by bus for Cocktail Reception  
Contemporary Arts Center  
900 Camp Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
Bus will depart from hotel entrance on University Place

8:00  Dinner on own  
Transportation will be provided back to hotel only

Monday, January 13

7:00 - 8:00  Yoga  
Instructor: Karen Scott  
Location: Pool Deck and Courtyard, Rooftop  
Weather Backup: Chamber 1 & 3, Mayor’s Suite Level

8:00 - 9:00  Continental Breakfast  
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

9:00 - 11:00  From the Field: Art Issues & Government Affairs Issue Briefing  
Presented by Laurie Norton Moffatt, Government Affairs Chair;  
Malcolm Rogers, Art Issues Chair;  
Anita Difanis, Director of Government Affairs, AAMD;  
Andy Finch, Director of Policy, AAMD; and  
Josh Knerly, Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLC  
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

8:45 - 9:00  Welcome  
Chris Anagnos, Executive Director & Timothy Rub, AAMD President  
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

9:00 - 10:00  “Failure to Launch? Lessons from Leadership”  
Moderated by Jill Medvedow, Director, Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston  
Panelists: Dennis Scholl, Vice President, Arts, Knight Foundation; and  
Karen Brooks Hopkins, President, Brooklyn Academy of Music  
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

10:15 - 11:15  “Institutions and Intimacy: Building Trust in the Absence of Authority”  
Keynote Speech by Steven Tepper  
Associate Director, Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy  
Introduction by Susan Edwards, Director, Frist Center for the Visual Arts  
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

12:30 - 1:45  Luncheon and Open Session  
Room: Blue Room, Lobby Level

2:00 - 3:30  “(Re)Building Communities Through the Arts”  
Moderated by Susan Taylor, Director, New Orleans Museum of Art  
Panelists: Terence Blanchard, Mel Chin, and Swoon  
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

3:30 - 4:30  “Transformative Leadership”  
Keynote Speech by Scott Cowen  
President, Tulane University  
Introduction by Susan Taylor, Director, New Orleans Museum of Art  
Room: Waldorf Astoria Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

5:00  Depart by bus for Reception and Dinner  
New Orleans Museum of Art  
1 Collins Diboll Circle  
New Orleans, LA 70124  
Bus will depart from hotel entrance on University Place