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The Montclair Art Museum Names Seven New Trustees

July 28, 2009, Montclair, NJ — At its June 17 meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Montclair Art Museum (MAM) named seven new members. Their terms began July 1.

Special thanks were given to the following departing Board members for their years of service and dedication to the Museum: Mort David, Susan DiMarco, and Cassie Wait, all from Montclair.

MAM welcomes the following individuals to the Board of Trustees:

Susan Cole

Dr. Susan A. Cole assumed office in September of 1998 as the eighth president of Montclair State University, the second largest university in New Jersey with 17,475 graduate and undergraduate students. Previously, she served as president of Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, from 1993 to 1998 and as vice president for university administration and Personnel at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey from 1980 to 1991, among other academic positions. Dr. Cole currently serves on the boards of the Liberty Science Center, the American Council on Education, and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Council of Trustees and has served on the boards of Mountainside Hospital and the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. She has also served on a number of NJ State task forces and on a wide variety of Boards. Dr. Cole earned three degrees in English and American literature: a B.A. from Barnard College, Columbia University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Brandeis University. Dr. Cole writes and speaks extensively about current issues in American higher education. She lives in Montclair.

Marilyn Dore

Marilyn Dore served as a trustee of the Museum from 1994–2007. A lawyer by profession, Dore has a B.A. from Smith College, an M.S. from Columbia University's

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School of Library Science, and a J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law. She served on the Board of Aljira, A Center for Contemporary Art in Newark. She collects Latin American Art. She and her husband, Michael, reside in Montclair and Naples, Florida.

Marilyn Greene

Marilyn Greene is the former assistant director of the J. Cacciola Gallery in New York. She has a B.A. from New York University and an M.A. in media studies from the New School University. She previously worked at the Jewish Museum in New York to establish the National Jewish Archive of Broadcasting. Her volunteer affiliations include the Art Committee of the National Council of Jewish Women, the chairman of the Art Committee of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, the Gala Committee of the New York Drama League, and board member of ICI (Independent Curators International). She and her husband reside in New York City and are art collectors, concentrating on Native American art, as well as contemporary American art and photography.

Frazeal Harris

Commencing her career as a classroom teacher in 1969, Frazee Harris has over 36 years of experience in education. She holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling from New Jersey City University and for the past 15 years has provided guidance to students, parents, and staff for the Orange Board of Education. In addition Harris holds NJ certifications in art education K-12, elementary education, and student personnel services, and she has completed the required course for Substance Awareness Coordinator. Harris is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, has served as a board member of the Arts Council of Essex Area, and participated in the National Urban League Guild. She helped to create the Susan Satterwhite Harris Scholarship fund in memory of her mother-in-law, at Union Baptist Church in Montclair. She has had a long association with the Montclair Art Museum, where her husband, Nathaniel C. Harris, Jr. (deceased), served as trustee, president, and president emeritus. She lives in Montclair.

Fred Langbein

A Trustee at the Montclair Art Museum from 2001 to 2008, Fred Langbein now returns to the Board. He joined Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP as chief operating officer in February 2007. He previously held the position of executive director of Brown, Raysman, Millstein, Felder & Steiner LLP and before that served as executive director of Mendes & Mount LLP, and as chief financial officer for Cozen O'Connor, PC. Langbein also spent seven years as the chief financial and administrative officer for Christie's Inc. Langbein received a B.A. in economics from Georgetown University and an MBA in finance from the Kogod School of Business at American University. He is currently on the Board of the Montclair Foundation and has volunteered with many Montclair-based nonprofit organizations, including St. James Episcopal Church, Mountainside Hospital, and Hospice, Inc. Langbein resides in Montclair with his wife, Joanne, and their two sons.

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Sengal Selassie

Sengal Selassie is a co-founder of Cowen Capital Partners and has been group head since inception in 2006. He began his career in banking with Goldman Sachs & Co. Selassie earned his M.B.A. and J.D. from Harvard University and has an A.B. in economics from Harvard College. He sits on the Board of Directors of a number of private companies. Selassie lives in Montclair with his wife, Lynn, and their two children.

William Turner III

William Turner III was on the Board of Trustees of the Montclair Art Museum from 1996–2006, serving as vice president of the Board from 1998–2002 and as president from 2003–2005, playing an instrumental role in the Museum’s facility expansion as chair of the Capital Campaign Committee. He is currently acting dean of the School of Business at Montclair State University after serving as the founding dean of the College of Business at Stony Brook University. He is also on the boards of New Jersey Network, International College of Beirut, and the Southern Vermont Art Center. Previously, he served on a number of Boards including Mountainside Hospital, where he was chairman; the Atlantic Health System, where he was a member of the Executive Committee; and the Paterson Economic Development Corporation, where he served as secretary. He is also a former president of PNC Bank, New Jersey and a former Montclair councilman. He and his wife, Judy, reside in Montclair.

About the Museum

The Montclair Art Museum, a notable, community-based institution with an international reputation, boasts a renowned collection of American and Native American art that uniquely highlights art making in the United States over the last three hundred years. The collection includes more than 12,000 objects: paintings, prints, original works on paper, photographs, and sculpture by American artists from the 18th century to the present, as well as traditional and contemporary Native American art and artifacts representing the cultural developments of peoples from all of the major American Indian regions. MAM’s Yard School of Art is the leading regional art school, offering a multitude of comprehensive courses for children, youth, adults, seniors, and professional artists.

The Montclair Art Museum is located at 3 South Mountain Avenue in Montclair, N.J. Information, hours, and directions are available on the Museum website, montclairartmuseum.org, or by calling (973) 746-5555.

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