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ST. PETERSBURG, FL (July 23, 2020) — The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg (MFA) announces four new members to its volunteer Board of Trustees. Matthew (Matt) Bisset, Belinda Dumont and Glenn Mosby each began their three-year term on July 1. Stuart Society President Rita Peters will serve for a one-year term. The new members represent personal advocacy of the arts, and bring unique civic, business and philanthropic experiences to these new leadership roles in service to the community.

The MFA Board officers for 2020-2021 are Fred Razook, chair; Dimity Carlson, vice chair; Tim Coop, treasurer; and Emily Elwyn, secretary. This brings the governing body of the museum to 19 members.

“It is a true honor to return as Board Chair,” Razook said. “I am excited to continue working with strong business and community leaders who have a commitment to service, and are ready to guide the MFA to even more successes. The MFA is a beacon for St. Petersburg’s arts community, and being a part of shaping its future is very special to all of us.”

Matthew (Matt) Bisset
Matthew Bisset has had a career in education for 25 years, from working in fundraising and development at colleges and a boarding school in New Hampshire, to his current role as Vice President for Advancement at Eckerd College. He has also worked as a consultant to assist schools and cultural institutions with strategic planning and fundraising, and to provide help with executive coaching and job searches. He has served as chair and an executive board member at Tampa Bay Watch, and was a board member and charity auction chair for Polywogs.
Belinda Dumont
Belinda Dumont sustained a 20-year career in finance on Wall Street in investment banking, with specific expertise in management and project development in trading and foreign exchange systems; quality assurance, compliance and business analytics. Her longtime interests in arts and cultural activities led to her actively serving on the boards of the St. Petersburg Opera Company and The Florida Orchestra. On the TFO Board, she also is a member of its Finance and Development Committee.

Glenn Mosby
Glenn Mosby has a longtime record of service and volunteerism in St. Petersburg. At the MFA, she has previously served on the Board of Trustees, various committees, and has been a docent since 2013. Mosby has also been very active with the Museum’s separate fundraising arm, the Margaret Acheson Stuart Society, serving as a past president and being a part of the planning committees for major events (Opening Gala of Hazel Hough Wing and Art in Bloom). She’s also volunteered her time at Shorecrest Preparatory School, Junior League of St. Petersburg and St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

Rita Peters
Rita Peters is the current president of The Margaret Acheson Stuart Society, a separate non-profit that supports the MFA. She served as the President and board member of the Florencia condominium, and currently is a member of the Women’s Advisory Board at St Anthony’s Hospital in St. Petersburg. Peters graduated from The Pennsylvania State University where she majored in French language and Education, and also also studied at the University of Strasbourg in France. Peters, who has taught French and English also served on the Board of Directors of The Pennsylvania University, Eberly campus.

“The strength and support of our Board are vital to MFA’s success,” said MFA Executive Director and CEO Kristen A. Shepherd. “Each trustee brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and perspective that we value and respect highly. We are incredibly excited to welcome those joining this year’s MFA Board, and look forward to working with them as we continue to propel the MFA onward and upward.”

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
The MFA at 255 Beach Drive NE is the only encyclopedic art museum in Florida. The collection includes works of art from ancient times to the present day and from around the world, including ancient Greek and Roman, Egyptian, Asian, African, pre-Columbian, Native American, European, American, and contemporary art. The photography collection is one of the largest and finest in the Southeast. Kristen A. Shepherd is the Executive Director and CEO.
The MFA is currently closed due to COVID-19. For more information or to #MuseumfromHome, please visit mfastpete.org.

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