

# MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS ST. PETE

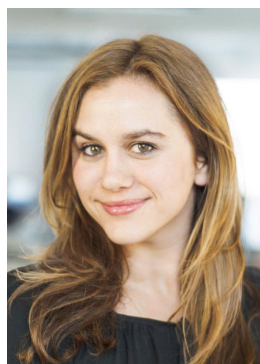
## Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg Announces New 2022-23 Trustees

**ST. PETERSBURG, FL (June 08, 2022)** – The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg (MFA) is pleased to announce this year’s volunteer Board of Trustees. Haley Rose Cohen, Susan Hicks, Dr. Richard Knipe, and Gerald Odening will serve three-year terms and Stuart Society President, Dawn Sumner will serve a one-year term. Outgoing members include Laura Bryant, Pam Hatton, Patti Novack and Fred Razook.

The MFA Board Officers for 2022-2023 are Dimity Carlson, *Chair*, Piers Davis, *Vice Chair*, Tim Coop, *Treasurer*, and Emily Elwyn, *Secretary*.

“I’m thrilled to return as Chair of the Board of Trustees and can’t thank our outgoing members enough for their enormous efforts to make last year such a success,” said Dimity Carlson, Chair of The Board of Trustees. “I’m confident that the addition of these new members will have an incredible impact on the museum and the communities we are so dedicated to serving, and I’m excited to continue MFA’s important work.”

“Year after year, I’m incredibly proud to see how MFA continues to grow and evolve,” said MFA Executive Director and CEO Kristen A. Shepherd. “The ongoing success of the museum is in large part due to our board. These new members bring together an impressive and broad background, and we are looking forward to incorporating their fresh ideas to make the board even stronger.”



### **Haley Rose Cohen**

Haley Rose Cohen is based in Tampa and works primarily with private individuals to secure and place artworks by artists ranging from emerging to blue chip. Haley is recognized by the American Association of Appraisers as a qualified appraiser specializing in post-war and contemporary painting, as well as sculpture and photography. She is also USPAP compliant through 2024. Haley holds a BA in Art History from Skidmore College and an MA in History of the Modern Art Market and Connoisseurship from Christie’s New York. In addition to Haley’s roles as appraiser and advisor, she co-founded Bonfire, a research-based creative consultancy. Haley has previously held positions as a Specialist at Christie’s

Post-War and Contemporary Department in New York and as the West Coast Director at Artsy in Los Angeles.



**Susan Hicks**

Susan Hicks has been a member of the MFA Legacy Society and a MFA store volunteer for 29 years, and she serves on the committee for the 60th anniversary of The Margaret Acheson Stuart Society and the board of the MFA Collectors Circle. She has dedicated 37 years to the Center Academy/LII Licensing, Inc., where she currently serves as Vice President and Marketing Consultant. Prior to her current role, Susan was the president of many groups including St.

Petersburg Junior Woman’s Club, PARC, The Margaret Acheson Stuart Society, and Town and Gown of University of South Florida St. Petersburg. She is a current member of Women in Philanthropy-St Anthony’s Hospital Foundation, The

Christmas Belles-Christmas Toy Shop, Junior League of St Petersburg (Sustaining member), The Dali Museum Guild (founding member), and The Florida Orchestra Board of Consultants.



**Dr. Richard Knipe**

Dr. Richard Knipe’s art-collecting father sat on the Orlando Museum of Art Board for many years. An antique collector, Richard is a partner at Florida Cancer Specialists and has been in private practice in Florida since 1997. He previously served as Chief of Medicine at St Anthony’s Hospital, Oncology and Hematology Fellow at Moffit Cancer Center, and Ophthalmology Resident at University of Louisville. An alumnus of University of Notre Dame and University of Florida, Richard is married to Margaret Acheson Stuart Society member Sue Carden Knipe. They have two children.



**Gerald Odening**

Gerald Odening is the Founder and Managing Member of registered investment advisor GRO Capital LLC and GRO Holdings. He has spent over two decades as an equity research analyst, serving as Managing Director of JPMorgan and Hambrecht & Quist, and was recognized as an All Star team member by Institutional Investor. His research on the emerging education services industry resulted in the expansion of colleges' and secondary schools' ground and online presence. He previously served as Treasurer and Board Member of The Pennington School.



**Dawn Sumner**

Dawn Sumner is a fourth generation native of St Petersburg and has careers in interior design and shopping center management. Her family has a long history of services to the community and she is the first second generation President of the Stuart Society. Dawn grew up coming to the Museum of Fine Arts and is pleased to have the opportunity to serve and advance the museum in the community.

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**ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA**

The MFA at 255 Beach Drive NE is the largest 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. For more information, please visit [mfastpete.org](http://mfastpete.org) and follow @mfastpete on social media.

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