



MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, ST. PETERSBURG ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ST. PETERSBURG, FL (July 2, 2025) – The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to its Board of Trustees: attorney and former state representative Ben Diamond, and attorney and civic leader Shannon M. Pennock. Both bring deep legal expertise, philanthropic vision, and a strong commitment to the cultural life of St. Petersburg, which will be instrumental in supporting the Museum’s expansion and revitalization plans.

Ben Diamond is the managing partner of the Diamond Law Firm, P.A., where he focuses on estate planning and fiduciary litigation. A Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Diamond also teaches at Stetson University College of Law and has served in leadership positions within the Florida Bar. From 2016 to 2022, he represented Pinellas County in the Florida House of Representatives, where he advocated for climate resiliency and environmental stewardship. He currently sits on the boards of the St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership and the St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

Shannon M. Pennock is the principal of Pennock Law Firm, which specializes in environmental and pharmaceutical litigation. She has served as trial counsel in high-profile cases across the country, including landmark settlements related to environmental contamination. Prior to launching her own firm, she practiced in corporate restructuring at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. A graduate of Brooklyn Law School and the University of Texas at Austin, Pennock is also an active museum docent and a member of the MFA’s Stuart Society.

“We are honored to welcome Shannon and Ben to the Board of Trustees,” said **Klaudio Rodriguez, Executive Director, Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg**. “Each brings a unique blend of professional expertise, civic leadership, and passion for the arts that will be invaluable to the Museum at this exciting moment in our growth. Their deep ties to the St. Petersburg community and commitment to public service closely align with the MFA’s mission to serve as a cultural cornerstone for our region.”

The MFA is also pleased to announce its **Executive Committee**, which provides strategic guidance and institutional leadership:

- Tracy Maeter, Chair
- Judy Holland, Vice Chair; Chair of Development
- Wayne “Skipp” Fraser, Treasurer; Chair of Finance
- Corrie Stover, Secretary
- Matt Bissett, Chair of Governance

- Mark Anderson, Chair of Building and Grounds
- Haley Rose Cohen, Chair of Collections
- Piers Davies, Past Chair

“We are thrilled to welcome Shannon and Ben to the board and announce our new Executive Committee,” said **Tracy Maeter, Board of Trustees Chair, Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg**. “Their legal acumen and civic dedication reflect the museum’s commitment to leadership that is both strategic and community-driven. We look forward to their partnership in advancing the MFA’s mission and deepening its role as a cultural anchor in St. Petersburg and beyond.”

About the Museum of Fine Arts St. Petersburg

The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg (MFA) has an encyclopedic collection of art from around the globe and across the centuries, with almost 5,000 years of civilization represented in thousands of objects extending from antiquity to the present. The collection includes works by Georgia O’Keefe, Claude Monet, Berthe Morisot, Auguste Rodin, Kehinde Wiley, Jacob Lawrence, and many others, as well as ancient Greek and Roman, Asian, African, Art of the Americas, and Native American art. The museum’s photographic collection is one of the largest and most well-respected in the Southeast. The museum’s rotating exhibition galleries feature a diverse selection of temporary exhibitions from all over the world, as well as exhibitions curated from the museum’s extensive collection. In addition to its robust exhibition program, the MFA engages the community through exciting public programs and events and serves students through youth programs and a partnership with the Pinellas County School System.

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