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Tisha Rhodes is appointed Director of Development at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts



Montgomery, AL – The Director and Board of Trustees at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) recently appointed Tisha Rhodes as the Museum’s new Director of Development. She began her role in late August.

Rhodes arrives at the MMFA after spending two years as the Public Affairs and Development Director for another local non-profit, The Family Sunshine Center. During her time there, Rhodes dedicated herself to building mission awareness and to fundraising efforts that helped sustain hope and healing for victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

From 2014 through mid-2016, Rhodes managed and expanded business, developed operational policies and procedures, and led a rebranding campaign for the well-known Montgomery based catering and events company, Jennie Weller Catering & Events.

Rhodes’ arrival at the Museum is actually a homecoming as she previously spent 17 years with the institution as Director of Services. In this role, she managed Café M, the Museum Store, and all the institution’s internal and external special events and catering services. Rhodes created several long-standing signature events, including *Divine Lunch*, *Jazz Jams*, and *Artist Market*, all helping to build and broaden the Museum attendance.

“In her first few weeks on the job, Tisha has already begun to deliver on the priorities and plans she brought forward in exploratory conversations with the Museum. Her abiding passion for

the Museum--paired with her deep understanding of the Museum's history and region's leading cultural philanthropists and other funding sources--position her to, again, make critical contributions to the Museum's public service and long-term sustainability. Tisha's work will--undoubtedly--deepen our capacity to deliver on the promises of our mission, further elevate the reputation of the institution in the region and larger cultural sector, and allow us to leverage that visibility for the collective good of the community as Montgomery's visibility and vibrancy continue to rise," said Angie Dodson Director at the MMFA.

"I am thrilled to be home. The last four and a half years have sharpened my skills and expanded my understanding of our great community. I look forward to being a part of this exciting time of progress in the Museum's history," said Rhodes.

About the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts was founded in 1930 by a group of local artists as a place for both exhibiting art and providing a space for art education. The original intentions of the founders were to exhibit and teach, and to inspire and inform every action and activity at the Museum. Since 1988 the Museum has shared the 277-acre Blount Cultural Park with our partners across the lake at the celebrated Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

Today's Museum visitors stroll art-studded grounds and permanent collection galleries. They experience compelling changing exhibitions and learn about art while visiting the ArtWorks interactive gallery, making art in the bustling studios, or by participating in other engaging events and programs. Museum visitors can now relax and recharge in the serenity of our stunning new three-acre John and Joyce Caddell Sculpture Garden, celebrating its first anniversary in September 2019.

While the Museum's collection is still home to the art of many of the regional artists who first established it, it has also become known for its strength in American Art and Old Master Prints. Recently, important acquisitions of art made by African-American and Asian artists and works inspired by images and themes related to the experiences of these groups represent the breadth and depth of the lives and concerns of those who now call the River Region home. Through the exhibition of this work, as well as the programs and events that help connect our communities with it, the Museum is recognized as a leading arts and cultural resource here in the state and the Southeastern region.

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, a department of the City of Montgomery, is supported by funds from the City of Montgomery, with support from the Montgomery County Commission and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Association. Programs are made possible, in part, by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

General Information

Free admission and ample parking.
www.mmfa.org
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Hours of Operation:

ArtWorks

Tuesday–Saturday, 10 AM–5 PM
Sunday, Noon to 5 PM

Galleries, Caddell Sculpture Garden, and Parker Terrace:

Tuesday–Saturday, 10 AM–5 PM
Thursday, 10 AM–9 PM
Sunday, Noon to 5 PM

Café:

Tuesday–Saturday, 11 AM–2 PM

Museum Store:

Tuesday–Saturday, 11 AM–4 PM
Sunday, Noon to 4 PM

Location:

Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park
One Museum Drive
Montgomery, Alabama, 36117

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