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**Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art Welcomes
Seven New Appointees to Board of Trustees**

The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art inducted seven trustees to the Class of 2018 at its Annual Meeting in November. Marta Bentham, Deanna Fidler, Robert C. Hobbs, David. R. McHale and Barbara G. Ward are first-time trustees of the museum; Jeffrey G. Marsted and Henry M. Zachs are returning trustees.

Marta Bentham is the Director of Family Services and Ombudsman for Hartford Public Schools. She created the Hartford Public School Welcome Center as a one-stop office for families and other constituents, and supervises the Family Resource Centers that are housed at five elementary schools in Hartford. She works with the Connecticut System of Personnel Development in making the changes necessary for educators to receive additional training to enable them to have a closer relationship with the families they serve. Bentham is a graduate of the Harvard Law School / Mediation Program and the Strauss Institute at Pepperdine University.

Deanna Fidler is the Executive Vice President, Human Resources for Aetna, bringing to the Board more than 20 years of Human Resources leadership experience in the areas of strategic client consulting, enterprise workforce planning and development, talent acquisition, leadership development, succession planning and organization design. A strong advocate for health and wellness, she is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the American Health Policy Institute, and serves as Co-chair of the American Heart Association's 2015 Go Red for Women Campaign. Fidler holds a Master's Degree in Human Resources and a Bachelor of Science in Business.

Robert C. Hobbs has held the Rhoda Thalhimer Endowed Chair at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) since 1991, and has been a visiting professor at Yale University since 2004. Specializing in both late modern and post-modern art, his exhibitions have been shown at the AGO in Toronto, Brooklyn Museum of Art, Drawing Center (New York

City), Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Whitney Museum of American Art. Hobbs holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Tennessee, and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jeffrey G. Marsted is a Principal of Bradley, Foster & Sargent, an Investment Management Company in Hartford. Prior to his current role, Marsted was Vice President and Manager of Shawmut Bank Investment Management and Advisory Group in Hartford, a role to which he rose from his first position as a securities analyst in 1969. A past Wadsworth Atheneum trustee, Marsted is the former Chair of the Investment Committee, and he and his wife Marcia are members of the Contemporary Coalition. Marsted graduated from Williams College in 1964 and holds a Master's Degree in Economics from Trinity College.

David R. McHale is the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Northeast Utilities, and has served there in roles of increasing responsibility since 1981, including in the departments of Marketing and Consumer Economics, Financial Planning and Treasury. McHale holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Southern Connecticut State University and a Master of Business Administration in Finance from the University of New Haven. He is a 1997 graduate of Stanford University's Executive Financial Management Program and a 2003 graduate of the School's Executive Program in Strategy and Organization.

Barbara G. Ward is the Vice President of the Costume and Textile Society and the Women's Committee of the Wadsworth Atheneum, and will be serving on the museum's Institutional Advancement Committee. Ward has worked as an educator of both teachers and students in the field of English as a Second Language, most notably as a Fellow for the Japanese Ministry of Education. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Journalism from Wesleyan College, a Master's Degree in English as a Second Language from the University of Hawaii, and has completed the FALCON Japanese program at Cornell University.

Henry M. Zachs is the President of Zafa Towers and Message Center Management, and has been in telecommunications for more than 40 years. In addition to his service to the Wadsworth Atheneum, Zachs is involved as a corporator, director or trustee of numerous organizations, including the Connecticut Historical Society, Florence Griswold Museum, Hartford Hospital and Trinity College. Zachs hold a Bachelor of Arts from Trinity College and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School. In 2006, Zachs was awarded Trinity's highest alumni honor—the Eigenbrodt Cup.

About the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is the oldest public art museum in the United States. The museum's nearly 50,000 works of art span 5,000 years, from Greek and Roman antiquities to the first museum collection of American contemporary art. The museum's five connected buildings—representing architectural styles from Gothic Revival to modern International Style—are located at 600 Main Street in Hartford, Conn. Since 2010 the museum has been undergoing a major, \$33 million renovation, slated to be complete 2015. Hours: Wed – Fri: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sat and Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; First Thursdays: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Admission: \$5 – 10; discounts for members, students and seniors. Phone: (860) 278-2670; website: <http://thewadsworth.org>.

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