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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 2019 at its Annual Meeting Nov. 17, 2015. The new appointees are Mally Cox-Chapman, Daniel P. Finke, David G. Jepson, Brion Johnson, Yvette Melendez, Filomena Soyster and Jean-Pierre van Rooy.

Mally Cox-Chapman founded consulting firm Benefactory Philanthropic Advisors LLC. She is a founding member of the Catalyst Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, and a member of the Association of Small Foundations, the CT Council on Philanthropy and the National Center for Family Philanthropy. Cox-Chapman has served on many boards, and as Director of CT Humanities and the CT Center for School Change.

Daniel P. Finke is the Chief Executive Officer of Accountable Care Solutions from Aetna, where he leads the company's strategic accountable care and value-based contracting solutions. Prior to joining Aetna, Finke held senior management positions at EmblemHealth, Inc. and WellPoint, among others. He has served on multiple boards including the Alzheimer's Association of New York City, The Battery Park Conservancy, America's Health Insurance Plans and the New York Health Plan Association.

David G. Jepson became a partner in Jeter, Cook and Jepson Architects in 1975 and was a leader in the growth of the firm, which ultimately became known as JCJ Architecture with a major national practice. Jepson has served on many boards, including the Cheshire Academy and the New Britain Museum of American Art, and was honored with his election to the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows in 2000.

Brion Johnson is the President and Chief Investment Officer of Hartford Investment Management Company and President of Talcott Resolution. He has worked previously as a

senior executive at Prudential and other insurance companies, and serves on the Board of Connecticut Innovations, which offers financing and business expertise to promising companies in the Nutmeg State.

Yvette Melendez is Vice President, Government and Community Alliances for Hartford Hospital, and has 30 years of public sector policy development and strategic planning experience, including the in Connecticut State University System and State Department of Health. Melendez currently serves as Chair of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving where she is a founding member of Latino Endowment Fund, and as Vice Chair of the CT Board of Regents for Higher Education.

Filomena Soyster is the Managing Director of U.S. Trust, Bank of America Wealth Management. Soyster has built an extensive career in wealth management advice for private clients, endowments and foundations. She also has an extensive banking career. Filomena has received many awards recognizing her achievements and professionalism, including honors from the Hartford Business Journal and BARRON's Best Bankers. She serves as President of the Board of The Malta House of Care Foundation and has served on many other boards, including Hartford Stage.

Jean-Pierre van Rooy, a former Wadsworth Atheneum Trustee, founded The Malta House of Care in 2004 after retiring as Chairman of Otis Elevator Co. in 1998. He is extensively engaged in the community, serving on boards including St. Francis Hospital, The Hill-Stead Museum, the New Britain Museum of American Art, Miss Porter's School and others. He is a Life Regent and the Chairman of the van Rooy Center for Complexity and Conflict Analysis at the University of Hartford.

About the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is the oldest continuously-operating 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. Hours: Wed Fri: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sat & Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; First Thursdays: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Admission:\$5 – 10; discounts for members, students and seniors. Free admission Wed – Fri, 4 – 5 p.m. Public phone: (860) 278-2670; website: <http://thewadsworth.org>.

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