



# **MENNELLO MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2015-16**



## MENNELLO MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### I. PURPOSE

- A. MISSION STATEMENT. The mission of The Mennello Museum of American Art Board of Trustees is to advise the City on development, management and operation issues for The Mennello Museum of American Art.

### II. ADMINISTRATION

- A. STAFF. The City provides staff support and administration for The Mennello Museum of American Art Board of Trustees. Key staff are as follows:

1. Shannon Fitzgerald, Executive Director
2. Kyle Reynolds, Board Secretary
3. Amy Iennaco, Chief Assistant City Attorney

B. STAFF CHANGES.

1. Christine Vazquez resigned in June, 2016.
2. Kyle Reynolds was hired as Senior Administrative Assistant, Office & Accounting in August, 2016.

### III. BOARD MEMBERS

- A. NUMBER. The Mennello Museum of American Art Board of Trustees has nine (9) members which are recommended to the Mayor for appointment by the Nominating Board, appointed by the Mayor, and confirmed by City Council.

- B. REQUIREMENTS. None.

- C. ATTENDANCE. The annual attendance report is attached.

- D. TERMS. All appointments to the Board shall be for a term of two (2) years. Citizen members initially appointed to fill a Board position with an unexpired term may serve the remainder of that term plus two (2) consecutive terms, should they be reappointed.

- E. CHAIRMAN. Jeffrey Gitto  
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- F. VICE CHAIRMAN. John Upperco  
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### G. BOARD MEMBERS.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Jeffrey Gitto	2	03/09/2015	01/31/2017	Active
John Upperco	2	01/27/2015	01/31/2017	Active
Suzanne Barnes	1	03/17/2014	01/31/2016	Active
Teresa Campbell	1	03/17/2014	01/31/2016	Active
Gretchen Hahn	1	05/09/2016	01/31/2017	Active
Alexandra Steele	2	02/01/2014	01/31/2016	Active
Usha Tewari	1	04/20/2015	01/31/2017	Active
Ricky Vescovacci	1	05/09/2016	01/31/2017	Active
Andre Young	2	02/01/2014	01/31/2016	Active
<i>Ericka Dunlap</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>04/20/2015</i>	<i>01/31/2017</i>	<i>Terminated</i>

H. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. Throughout Fiscal Year 2015-16, one (1) new member was appointed by Mayor Dyer and confirmed by City Council.

I. ELECTIONS. On January 27, 2016 Jeffrey Gitto was re-elected as Chairman and John Upperco was re-elected as Vice Chairman by a unanimous vote.

J. BOARD MEMBER TRAINING. Teresa Campbell, Jeffrey Gitto, Gretchen Hahn, Alexandra Steele-Duff, John Upperco, Ricky Vescovacci, and Andre Young attended Mayor Dyer's Conversations in Inclusiveness two (2) hour training initiative.

### IV. MEETINGS

A. DAY AND TIME. The Mennello Museum of American Art Board of Trustees met six times annually on the second Wednesday of every other month at 4:30 p.m.

B. NUMBER. The Mennello Museum of American Art Board of Trustees scheduled six (6) meetings in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and held six (6) meetings dated: November 11, 2015, December 9, 2015, January 13, 2016, January 27, 2016, February 10, 2016, June 8, 2016, August 10, 2016. Volunteer hours for The Mennello Museum of American Art Board of Trustees for Fiscal Year 2015-16 totaled 53.63 cumulative hours.

C. SPECIAL MEETINGS. The Mennello Museum of American Art Board of Trustees held four (4) meetings other than regularly scheduled meetings. The special meetings were held on: December 2, 2015, May 11, 2016, July 6, 2016, and September 8, 2016.





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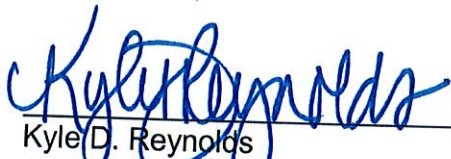
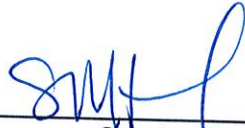
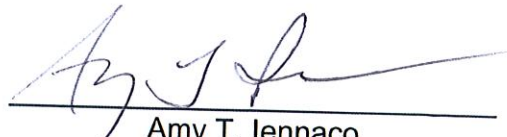
### **V. MAJOR INITIATIVES/SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **A. MAJOR INITIATIVES.**

1. The Mennello Museum of American Art Board of Trustees organized the second annual Indie-Folk Festival, celebrated on the Saturday of Valentine's Day, February 13, 2016. The Indie-Folk Fest was a picnic event which honored a traditional folk festival with an intensified focus on Florida and local artists and musicians. Local food and drink was added through a partnership with East End Market. The Board was proud to pay performers, offer free admission to the community and offer art activities for children. Cross promotions with Fringe, Ivanhoe Village, Mills50, East End Market, Enemy Ink and Southern Fried Sunday yielded large and diverse folk festival audiences.

#### **B. SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

1. The Mennello Museum of American Art Board of Trustees raised \$19,877 from Kickstarter, Individual Donations, and Friends Matching Contributions for the second Indie-Folk Festival. These funds were used to pay for permitting, tents, tables, marketing materials, music performers, music-sound engineer, signage, portable toilets, postage, trash collection, "Mushroom Artist", photographer, picnic blankets, stage coordinator, production manager, etc.

  
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Jeffrey Gitto  
Chairman  
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Shannon Fitzgerald  
Museum Director  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kyle D. Reynolds  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephanie Herdocia  
Board Coordinator  
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Amy T. Iennaco  
Interim City Clerk



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