

**Worcester Art Museum announces appointment of Heather L. Davis as
Deputy Executive Director**

WORCESTER, MASS. – September 19, 2016 – The Worcester Art Museum (WAM) announced today that it has appointed Heather L. Davis of Hudson as Deputy Executive Director. Mrs. Davis, who was selected through a national search, will assume her new position on September 26. At WAM she will oversee all day-to-day Museum business and serve as a liaison with the Finance, Investment, and Audit Committees.

Mrs. Davis brings to WAM 18 years of finance, managerial, and operational experience, ranging from small start-up companies to billion dollar organizations. Most recently she was Director of Finance and Operations at CyberSheath Services International. Prior to that she served as Controller for the SES Business Segment of Siemens PLM Software and as Assistant Controller for PanGo Networks, Inc.

In 2007 Mrs. Davis co-founded the Kendall Rose Davis Memorial Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization that raises funds for Boston Children’s Hospital. She continues to serve as its treasurer.

Mrs. Davis holds Masters of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degrees from Nichols College.

“Heather’s combination of senior management and accounting experience, along with her understanding of the special needs of non-profit organizations, made her our top choice for this important position. Her expertise and skills will help keep the Museum on its trajectory to long term financial sustainability and transformation to a regional cultural anchor,” said Matthias Waschek, the C. Jean and Miles McDonough Director of the Worcester Art Museum. “We are delighted that she is joining the WAM family!”

“The Worcester Art Museum has been such a treasure for me and my family over the years. I am honored that I will be a part of its exciting future, helping the staff and Board reach the Museum’s vision of cultural relevance and financial sustainability,” said Mrs. Davis.

About the Worcester Art Museum

Founded in 1896, the Worcester Art Museum’s encyclopedic 37,500 piece collection covers 51 centuries of art. Highlights include the Medieval Chapter House, Renaissance Court, and Worcester Hunt Mosaic, as well as the recently integrated John Woodman Higgins Armory Collection of arms and armor. The Museum is internationally known for its collection of European and American art. It was the first in America to acquire paintings by Monet and Gauguin and one of the first to collect photography. As the first U.S. museum to focus on collaborating with local schools, it has been at the forefront of engaging audiences and giving them a meaningful and personal experience.

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, MA, is open Wednesday through Friday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and every third Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$6 for children 4-17, \$12 for seniors 65+,

and \$12 for college students with ID. Members and children under four are free. Parking is free. For more information, visit worcesterart.org.

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