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Phoenix Art Museum Hires New Education Director

PHOENIX (July 23, 2015) — Phoenix Art Museum is pleased to announce that Kaela Hoskings will be joining the institution as its new Gerry Grout Education Director and will assume her new responsibilities at the Museum on August 17, 2015. Hoskings is currently the director of education at Artpace in San Antonio, Texas, one of the premier artist residency and exhibition programs in the world.

During her tenure at Artpace, Hoskings expanded the museum's community outreach and increased overall attendance for education participation by 77%. She was also responsible for cultivating interest and public support for large-scale programs, like *Chalk it Up* that had attendance of more than 22,000 in 2014, and created initiatives to leverage the organization's mission with new audiences to include *Artpace After Hours* and *You[th]Pace Teen Art Council* resulting in an increase in educational funding opportunities.

One of Hoskings' leading accomplishments is being awarded the "Museum Education Division Outstanding Art Educator of the Year 2014" from the Texas Art Education Association. A true student of education, she brings her classroom teaching experience to connect with the community and is no stranger to the funding, grant and administrative process. Hoskings is currently a member of the Texas Art Education Association, an executive board member of Contemporary Art Month and a proud member and representative of the Girl Scouts of the USA and World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

"Kaela Hoskings is uniquely qualified to expand Phoenix Art Museum's audience with her high energy, creativity and dedication to community outreach," said Amada Cruz, The Sybil Harrington Director at Phoenix Art Museum. She added, "We are thrilled to have her leading the excellent education team at the Museum."

About Phoenix Art Museum

Phoenix Art Museum has provided access to visual arts and educational programs in Arizona for more than 50 years and is the largest art museum in the Southwestern United States. Top national and international exhibitions are shown alongside the museum's collection of more than 18,000 objects of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, photography and fashion design. The museum hosts photography exhibitions through its landmark partnership with The University of Arizona's Center for Creative Photography in Tucson. Visitors can also enjoy the PhxArtKids gallery, the Dorrance Sculpture Garden, the Thorne Miniature Rooms of historic interiors, and a collection of works by renowned Arizona artist Philip C. Curtis. For additional information about Phoenix Art Museum please visit phxart.org or call 602-257-1880.

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