



NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale Announces New Board Members

*Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., Reggie Zachariah, Esq. and Stephanie Krass join the
Museum's Board of Governors*

Fort Lauderdale, Fla — [NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale](#) is pleased to appoint Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., Reggie Zachariah, Esq. and Stephanie Krass to its Board of Governors. As notable and exemplary residents of South Florida, Toothaker is Chairwoman and Chief Strategist of Toothaker.org, Zachariah is Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, P.A., and Krass has worked in the real estate and fashion industries, holding positions at Neiman Marcus and Giorgio Armani.

“NSU Art Museum continues to expand its impact as a premier cultural institution in South Florida and has tapped the expertise of Stephanie Toothaker, Reggie Zachariah and Stephanie Krass for our Board of Governors,” said Bonnie Clearwater, Director & Chief Curator. “We are grateful to welcome such esteemed individuals to our existing powerhouse team who bring both a local and international perspective, supporting the Museum’s growth and impact.”

Krass began her official term in March. Zachariah and Toothaker will begin their official terms on July 1, the beginning of the Museum's current fiscal year. Additionally on this date, Michelle Howland will officially become Chair, Andrew Heller as Vice-Chair for his second term, Jake Wurzak as Vice-Chair, Jeff Haines as Treasurer and Juan Bergaz Pessino as Secretary. Previously announced new Board Members include Jeff Haines, Per-Olof Loof, Xiaoyi (Alicia) Ma, Cheryl G. Murer and Laurie Silverman. Outgoing chair Francie Bishop Good was named Chair emeritus.

NSU Art Museum's newly appointed Board of Governors members include:

Michelle Howland



Michelle Howland has been a Board Member at NSU Art Museum since 2017 and has served as Vice-Chair for two years leading its "Find Your Place in the Sun" campaign, an initiative to welcome new residents to the Museum. She is a veteran real estate professional specializing in marketing high-end residential and waterfront properties throughout South Florida. In addition to her real estate sales business, she has recently started a company investing in multi-family homes. Prior to her career in real estate, she spent several years in the technology world selling information systems to Fortune 100 companies. She is the founder of The Howland Group, an elite team of real estate specialists. Ms. Howland serves on the Board of Directors of The Humane Society of Broward County as well as the Board of Directors of PAWS, the auxiliary for the Humane Society, and on the Board of Directors for the Broward Performing Arts Center Foundation. She is a current and past board member of Funding Arts Broward. She is also a member and supporter of the United Way of Broward County Alexis de Tocqueville Society.

Stephanie Krass



Stephanie Krass is a lifelong lover of art with a passion for philanthropy. She grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and has resided in South Florida for the last 26 years. Krass studied at the University of Miami and Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has worked in real estate and fashion, holding positions at Neiman Marcus and Giorgio Armani. Her passion for art regularly takes her to museums, galleries, and art fairs worldwide, and she is a longtime supporter of The Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. She also supports local charitable organizations like Joshua's Heart Foundation and The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship and has founded an internship scholarship program at the University of Michigan.

Stephanie J. Toothaker, Esq

Stephanie J. Toothaker, Esq. is Chairwoman and Chief Strategist of Toothaker.org and a Martindale Hubbell AV-rated attorney. Regularly recognized as a SuperLawyer



and by Florida Trend's Legal Elite, she guides clients with her sophisticated approach to governmental relations and strategic initiatives. Representing private equity firms, innovative companies, and entrepreneurial individuals seeking complex land development entitlements, she is an expert on innovative activation of property rights, public/private P3 initiatives, and complex mixed-use projects in the commercial, residential, sporting, and hospitality sectors. Toothaker represents David

Beckham's Inter Miami professional soccer organization, Tavistock, Kolter and Kushner Companies. She was the youngest woman to serve as Special Counsel to a US Senator and the first female Commodore of the Lauderdale Yacht Club. She is involved with a broad range of civic organizations throughout South Florida and is a Board Member of the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority and Jack & Jill, as well as on the Board of the Bob Graham Center and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida.

Reggie Zachariah, Esq



Reggie Zachariah, Esq. is a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig's Corporate and Private Equity practices in Fort Lauderdale, where he provides strategic, practical, business-oriented legal advice to his clients, including private equity funds, family offices and their portfolio companies, as well as entrepreneurs, across a wide range of industries. Reggie regularly advises his clients on M&A transactions and other strategic business matters. Reggie has received many accolades and awards, including recognition by the *South Florida Business Journal*, "40 Under 40," 2019; *Daily Business Review*, "On The Rise," 2020; and *South Florida Business & Wealth*, "Up and Comers," 2020. Reggie is a Fort Lauderdale native who devotes his time to several local charitable organizations and institutions. He currently serves on the Broward College District Board of Trustees, the Broward College Foundation Board of Directors, and the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) South Florida Board of Directors.

NSU Art Museum is located in the hub of the South Florida Art Coast, situated midway between Miami and Palm Beach in the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale. The Museum is a premier destination for exhibitions and programs encompassing all facets of civilization's visual history. For more information, please visit <https://nsuartmuseum.org>.

About NSU Art Museum

Founded in 1958, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is a premier destination for exhibitions and programs encompassing many facets of civilization's visual history. Located midway between Miami and Palm Beach in downtown Fort Lauderdale's arts and entertainment district, the Museum's 83,000 square-foot building, which opened in 1986, was designed by architect Edward Larrabee Barnes and contains over 25,000 square feet of exhibition space, the 256 -seat Horvitz auditorium, a museum store and café. In 2008,

the Museum became part of Nova Southeastern University (NSU), one of the largest private research universities in the United States. NSU Art Museum is known for its significant collection of Latin American art, contemporary art with an emphasis on art by Black, Latinx and women artists, African art that spans the 19th to the 21st-century, as well as works by American artist William Glackens, and the European Cobra group of artists. Two scholarly research centers complement the collections: The Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman Latin American Art Study Center and the William J. Glackens Study Center.

Exhibitions and programs at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale are made possible in part by a challenge grant from the David and Francie Horvitz Family Foundation. Funding is also provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Community Foundation of Broward, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is accredited by the American Association of Museums.



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HOURS

Sunday: Noon - 5 pm
Tuesday - Saturday: 11 am - 5 pm
Monday: Closed

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FREE admission every first Thursday of the month: 11 am - 7 pm

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