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# Columbia Museum of Art Contemporaries Announce New Board Members and Executive Committee

Next generation of museum supporters plan year of cultural and social events

**Columbia, S.C. –** The Contemporaries, a membership affiliate group of the Columbia Museum of Art dedicated to engaging young professionals in the arts and cultivating and leading the next generation of museum supporters, announces the 2015-2016 board members, as well as its new executive committee. The Contemporaries board members are:

- Katy Bair Commercial Credit Underwriter, First Citizens Bank and Trust Company
- David Bornemann Attorney, McKay Cauthen Settana & Stubley
- Heather Brandt Associate Professor, Arnold School of Public Health, USC
- Thomas Brantley Project Manager, Landmark Builders of SC
- Alex Creason Commercial Client Support Specialist, First Citizens Bank and Trust Company
- Brian Dolphin Membership Coordinator, Columbia Museum of Art
- Justin Drafts Realtor, The Art of Real Estate
- Sean Foerster Shareholder Attorney, Rogers, Townsend & Thomas
- Beth Frost Director of Business Development, Cohn Construction Services LLC
- Seth Gadsen Managing Director, Nickelodeon Theatre
- Garrett Givens Commercial Banker, South State Bank
- Jase Glenn Senior Associate, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP
- Brink Hinson Attorney, Janey Jenner & Suggs LLC
- Katy Humphries Senior Operations Analyst, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina
- Caroline Jones Marketing Consultant, BCBS National Alliance
- Lindsay Joyner Attorney, Gallivan White & Boyd PA
- James Kelly Associate Developer, Tomlin & Company
- Haskell Kibler Asset Manager, Newmark Grubb Wilson Kibler
- Ansley Lee Innovation Specialist, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina
- Rebecca Mangum Account Executive. Party Reflections
- Heather McDonald Sales & Marketing Director/Special Events, Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia
- Ellen Mundy Credit Administrator/Commercial Appraisal Manager, First Palmetto Bank
- Katie Pfrommer Visual Arts Teacher, Chapin High School
- Virginia Roach Private Banking Relationship Manager, First Citizens Bank
- Elizabeth Ross Realtor, Coldwell Banker
- Meredith Spires Broker, Keenan Suggs

Board officers include: Haskell Kibler, President; Katy Humphries, vice president; Virginia Roach, treasurer; Lindsay Joyner, secretary, and Brian Dolphin, historian.

"The Columbia Museum of Art Contemporaries continues to exceed expectations and meet membership goals. We are excited to introduce the newest members of the Board to build on our success," says Haskell Kibler, Contemporaries president. "This dynamic group of new Board members will be a great compliment to an already outstanding Board which last year raised \$12,000 towards the Art Acquisition Fund."

"The Contemporaries is a terrific group of area-professionals dedicated to the museum," says museum liaison Brian Dolphin. "Since I became involved with the group at the beginning of the year, membership has increased by 15%. This is a testament to the board members' networks and standing in the community. I look forward to being associated with this amazing group for years to come."

# About the Contemporaries

The Contemporaries of the Columbia Museum of Art are comprised of an active membership of more than 200 individual and dual memberships from the Columbia area The mission of the Contemporaries is to provide an opportunity to support the museum through: promoting the museum and its programs, diversifying the museum's membership, and leading the next generation of museum supporters.

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#### About the CMA

The Columbia Museum of Art is a charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to lifelong learning and community enrichment for all. Located in the heart of downtown Columbia, SC, CMA ranks among the leading art institutions in the country and is distinguished by its innovative exhibitions and creative educational programs. At the heart of the CMA and its programs is its collection, which encompasses nearly 7,000 works and spans thousands of years of history, representing a full range of world cultures. Established in 1950, the CMA now welcomes more than 135,000 visitors annually and is a catalyst for community creativity, engaging people of all ages and backgrounds with a diverse spectrum of programming, from exhibitions and lectures to concerts, which appeal to a wide range of visitors and students. It is the recipient of a National Art Education Association award for its contributions to arts education and an Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Award for the Arts for outstanding contributions to the arts in South Carolina.



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#### **General Info:**

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www.columbiamuseum.org

#### Location:

1515 Main Street | Columbia, SC 29201

#### **General Admission:**

\$12 or less everyday! Always FREE for members

### Museum Hours:

Open 6 days a week!

Tuesday - Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays and major holidays.







