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The Hermitage Artist Retreat Appoints New Development Director

Amy Wallace, most recently director of philanthropy at New College Foundation, joins the Hermitage as Development Director following a national search.

(Sarasota County, FL) Andy Sandberg, Artistic Director and CEO of the Hermitage Artist Retreat, recently announced that the organization has welcomed Amy Wallace as the organization's development director. Wallace joins the organization after serving for six years at New College Foundation. In addition to working closely with Sandberg, Wallace joins a team that includes Hermitage Co-Founder and Program Director Patricia Caswell; Deputy Director and Operations Manager Elizabeth Power; and Executive Assistant / Program Coordinator Michael Salimbene.

"Amidst an impressive pool of candidates from around the country, Amy stood out as a clear leader and an extraordinary addition to the Hermitage team," says Sandberg. "We are thrilled – and fortunate – to welcome Amy as Development Director. With her impressive experience in fundraising and institutional advancement, her forward-thinking outlook on philanthropy, and her passion for our mission to support artists and the creative process, Amy is going to play a vital role in the bright future of the Hermitage."

Wallace says she looks forward to joining the Hermitage. “I am so committed to the mission of the organization. The world needs art, now more than ever, and artists need a sanctuary like the Hermitage.”

Wallace brings a wide range of development experience, spending the last six years at New College Foundation in a variety of roles, including prospect research, donor relations, and database management prior to her fundraising role as director of philanthropy. She spent many years in corporate financial services and human resources before transitioning to a career in nonprofit development and philanthropy. She is a member of the Association of Donor Relations Professionals and a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Wallace graduated from the University of Maine with a bachelor’s degree in political science.

The Hermitage is also pleased to welcome Emily Lane as its grants manager. Lane is a fourth-generation Floridian with a deep connection to the arts, and her career has included higher education, museums, and arts institutions, where she raised millions of dollars for arts, education, scientific and environmental projects, as well as capital campaigns. She spent nearly 15 years at Selby Gardens before starting her own consulting and grants practice.

To learn more about the Hermitage, upcoming programs, and opportunities to get involved with the organization, please visit **HermitageArtistRetreat.org**.

About the Hermitage Artist Retreat:

The Hermitage is a nonprofit artist retreat located in Manasota Key, Florida, inviting accomplished artists across multiple disciplines for residencies on its beachfront campus, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Hermitage artists are invited to interact with the local community, reaching thousands of Gulf Coast residents and visitors each year

with unique and inspiring programs. Hermitage Fellows have included nine Pulitzer Prize winners, along with multiple Tony, Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and MacArthur Fellowship award winners. Works created at this beachside retreat by a diverse group of Hermitage alumni have gone on to renowned theaters, concert halls, and galleries throughout the world. Each year, the Hermitage awards the \$30,000 Hermitage Greenfield Prize for a new work of art, and the Aspen Music Festival awards the annual Hermitage Prize in Composition. For more information about The Hermitage Artist Retreat, visit HermitageArtistRetreat.org.

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