

ASSOCIATION OF ART MUSEUM DIRECTORS TO MEET IN MEXICO CITY

New York, NY—January 23, 2015—The Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) will hold its mid-winter meeting in Mexico City from Saturday, January 24 through Tuesday, January 27, 2015. AAMD last met in Mexico City ten years ago and in the intervening decade has increased the number of members located in Mexico from two to eight, and strengthened its ties with art museums in that country and across North America.

The mid-winter meeting will feature a series of panel discussions, presentations by outside speakers, committee and task force meetings, visits to cultural institutions, and informal sessions providing opportunities for members to discuss current issues and share information on a range of different topics.

The opening keynote address will be given by Rafael Tovar, President of CONACULTA. An additional keynote address will be presented by Darren Walker, President of the Ford Foundation. Also presenting will be Beth Harris, Steven Zucker, and Sal Khan, talking about the creation of Smarthistory.org—an award winning site dedicated to making art and its history widely accessible—and its joining forces with the Khan Academy, as well as a partnership with the Google Art Project.

AAMD's Professional Issues Committee will present "A Conversation on the Public Trust" moderated by Lisa Phillips, Director, New Museum, with panelists: Glenn Lowry, Director, Museum of Modern Art; and Jacob Weisberg, Chairman, The Slate Group. The discussion will provide a larger philosophical, legal, and cultural framework for considering the idea of 'public trust' and its twin, 'public good.' A program entitled "Culture Track: Director's Cut" looking at essential lessons from the nation's largest ongoing research study of cultural consumers will be presented by Arthur Cohen, CEO and co-founder of LaPlaca Cohen. A full meeting program follows below.

The Association was invited to hold its meeting in Mexico City by the directors of its seven member institutions in that city as an opportunity for colleagues to visit the museums that have become members over the last ten years. Hosting the meeting are: Museo Universitario Arte Contemporáneo; Museo Dolores Olmedo; Museo Nacional de Arte; Museo Palacio de Bellas Artes; Museo Nacional de San Carlos; Museo Franz Mayer; Antiguo Colegio de San Ildefonso; Museo Tamayo; Museo de Arte Moderno; Museo Nacional de Antropología; Museo Anahuacalli; Museo Jumex; Museo Soumaya; Museo Templo Mayor; and Casa del Lago.

The Association of Art Museum Directors—representing 236 art museum directors in the US, Canada, and Mexico—promotes the vital role of art museums throughout North America and advances the profession by cultivating leadership and communicating standards of excellence in museum practice. Further information about AAMD's professional practice guidelines and position papers is available at <u>www.aamd.org</u>.

Saturday, January 24

8:00	Registration Opens Room: Don Emiliano
8:00 - 10:00	Futures Task Force Meeting (closed) Room: Don Julian
10:15 - 11:15	New Member Orientation Room: Don Julian
11:30	Depart for Museo Templo Mayor Bus will depart from hotel lobby
12:15 - 1:00	Visit Museo Templo Mayor
1:00	Walk to Antiguo Colegio de San Ildefonso
1:30 - 3:00	Lunch at Antiguo Colegio de San Ildefonso There will also be time to visit the murals
3:00	Free Time Return to the hotel by bus or on foot Walking will take you through the Zócalo, the Metropolitan Cathedral, and the Palacio Nacional Maps will be provided
4:00	Depart for Museo de Arte Moderno Bus will depart from hotel lobby
4:30 - 5:30	Visit Museo de Arte Moderno
5:30	Walk to Museo Nacional de Antropología
6:00 - 7:30	Visit Museo Nacional de Antropología
7:30	Depart for Casa del Lago Optional walk or bus
8:00 - 10:00	Welcome Party at Casa del Lago
10:00	Return to hotel

Sunday, January 25

8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast Room: Don Alberto IV
8:30 - 10:30	Membership Committee Meeting (closed) Room: Don Genaro
	Cultural Property Meeting (closed) Room: Dona Sol
9:00 - 10:30	Committee Meetings Art Issues/Government Affairs Room: Don Julian Professional Issues Room: Dona Adelita
10:30	Depart for MUAC Bus will depart from hotel lobby
11:30 - 1:00	Visit Museo Universitario Arte Contemporáneo Light snacks and coffee will be provided
1:00	Walk to Espacio Escultórico
1:30	Depart for UNAM Bus will depart outside of MUAC
2:00 - 4:00	Lunch at UNAM In Unidad de Seminarios Garden
4:00	Depart for Museo Anahuacalli
4:30 - 6:00	Visit Museo Anahuacalli
6:00	Depart for Museo Dolores Olmedo
6:30 - 9:00	Buffett Dinner at Museo Dolores Olmedo
9:00	Return to hotel

Monday, January 26

8:00 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast Room: Don Alberto III
8:00 - 9:30	Nominating Committee Meeting (closed) Room: Don Genaro
	Committee Meetings Education & Community Issues Room: Dona Adelita Public Affairs Room: Dona Sol
9:45	Opening Welcome Christine Anagnos, AAMD Executive Director and Susan Taylor, AAMD President Room: Don Alberto III
10:15 - 11:00	Opening Keynote by Rafael Tovar Rafael Tovar, President of CONACULTA Room: Don Alberto III
11:15 - 12:15	A Conversation on the Public Trust Presented by the Professional Issues Committee Organized by Lisa Phillips, Chair, Professional Issues Panelists: Glenn Lowry, Director, MoMA; and Jacob Weisberg, Chairman, The Slate Group Room: Don Alberto III
12:30 - 2:15	Culture Track: Director's Cut Presented by Arthur Cohen, CEO of LaPlaca Cohen Lunch will also be provided Room: Don Alberto II
2:30 - 3:30	Keynote by Darren Walker Darren Walker, President of the Ford Foundation Room: Don Alberto II
4:00	Depart for Museo Nacional de Arte 10 minute walk to MUNAL
4:30 - 6:45	Cocktails at MUNAL
7:00 - 8:30	Walk to and Visit Museo Palacio de Bellas Artes
8:30 - 10:00	Gala Dinner at Palacio de Bellas Artes
10:00	Return to hotel

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast Room: Don Alberto III
8:00 - 10:00	Board of Trustees Meeting (closed) Room: Don Julian
8:30 - 10:00	Contemporary Directors Meeting Room: Dona Sol
	College & University Directors Meeting Room: Dona Adelita
10:15 - 11:30	Khan Academy and Art Museums Presented by Sal Khan (via Skype), Steven Zucker, and Beth Harris Room: Don Alberto III
11:45 - 12:15	AAMD Business Session Committee Briefings Room: Don Alberto III
12:30	Depart for Museo Nacional de San Carlos Bus will depart from hotel lobby
12:45 - 2:30	Lunch at Museo Nacional de San Carlos There will be time to eat and look around the museum
2:30 - 4:00	Visit the Museo Franz Mayer
4:00	Free Time Hotel is within walking distance of the Franz Mayer
5:30	Depart for Evening Events Bus will depart from hotel lobby
6:15 - 8:00	Visit Museo Jumex and Museo Soumaya Museums are across the street from each other
8:00	Depart for Museo Tamayo
8:30 - 10:00	Closing Party at Museo Tamayo
10:00	Return to hotel