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Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block (TMA) Jon and Linda Ender Director and CEO, Norah Diedrich, steps down after leading the Museum since January 2023.

Tucson, AZ (February 7, 2025) — The Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block announces the resignation of Norah Diedrich as the Jon and Linda Ender Director & Chief Executive Officer, effective February 1, 2025. TMA has named Christopher Gordon as Interim Director and CEO. Chris is TMA's Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and has acted as TMA's Interim Director and CEO previously.

The recent transition occurs at a time when TMA is enjoying a period of stability and great opportunity. All programming and operations of TMA are on track to move forward without delay in the interim.

The Board of Trustees has formed a search committee and will work diligently and expeditiously to find a successor to Ms. Diedrich.

Ms. Diedrich joined TMA in January 2023 and, during her tenure, TMA has enjoyed great progress in many areas of its operations. During her two years as Director and CEO her significant achievements included:

- Oversight of 7 successful exhibitions, including the *Arizona Biennial*;
- Adoption of a new 3-year strategic plan;
- Expansion of TMA's educational programs, including summer camp; and
- Successful completion of the renovation of La Casa Cordova.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to extend our great appreciation to Norah for her dedicated service to TMA and my personal gratitude for her work to ensure moving the museum and historical properties forward smoothly and successfully," said Marilyn Joyce, President of the Museum's Board of Trustees.

Museum Hours:

Wednesday – Sunday
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

About Tucson Museum of Art

As an institution built upon the original territories of the O'odham, the Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block (TMA) acknowledges the Indigenous Sonoran Desert communities, past and present, who have stewarded this region throughout generations.

TMA connects art to life through meaningful and engaging experiences that inspire discovery, spark creativity, and promote cultural understanding. Founded in 1924, TMA encompasses an entire city block in historic downtown Tucson and is committed to developing quality exhibitions, expanding and diversifying its collection, providing arts education opportunities, and presenting relevant and innovative programs while broadening public access to the arts.

The museum features exhibitions of Modern and Contemporary art, Latin American art from ancient to today, Indigenous arts and Art of the American West. A permanent collection of over 10,000 works of art spans continents, centuries and media. TMA's campus includes five properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, an art education center and research library, the Museum Store and the highly acclaimed museum restaurant Café a la C' Art. TMA is a private 501(c)(3) charitable arts and education organization. For additional information visit TucsonMuseumofArt.org or call (520) 624-2333.

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