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The Akron Art Museum Names Jenny Gerow as Chief Curator

Akron, OH – The Akron Art Museum is excited to announce Jenny Gerow as its new Chief Curator. She officially began her role last week, bringing over 20 years of curatorial experience to the Museum.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jenny Gerow to the Akron Art Museum," said Jon Fiume, the John S. Knight Director & CEO of the Akron Art Museum. "Her extensive experience and visionary approach to contemporary art curation, particularly in the realm of digital installations and new media, will be a tremendous asset as we expand our collection and deepen our community engagement. Jenny's innovative leadership will inspire our talented team and strengthen our mission to connect art and audiences through dynamic, meaningful, and future-forward exhibitions."

Gerow comes to Akron from Brooklyn, New York, where she served as Chief Curator of Contemporary Art at BRIC. Her diverse portfolio includes gallery exhibitions, studio residencies, public art projects, partnerships, and interdisciplinary programming. Her career has spanned multiple locales, including Brooklyn, Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Detroit, providing her with a unique ability to think regionally and nationally about art practices and new models for nonprofit arts organizations.

"This is an incredible opportunity for me to support and grow the exhibition program at the Akron Art Museum," Gerow said. "I look forward to utilizing my expertise in video and photography to enhance the already stellar programming and to deepen our connection with the community."

Gerow earned her BA in English Language and Literature from the University of Virginia and her MA in Modern Art History from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her wealth of experience and fresh perspective will be instrumental in shaping the Museum's future.

In her role as Chief Curator, Gerow will lead the Museum's curation and collections team, which includes Senior Curator Dr. Jeff Katzin, Curator Wendy Earle, and Collections Manager and Exhibitions Registrar Stephanie Petcavage.

The Akron Art Museum looks forward to the innovative contributions Jenny will bring, enriching lives through modern and contemporary art.

For more information about the Akron Art Museum, visit <u>akronartmuseum.org</u>. For media inquiries, contact Matthew Hribar at mhribar@akronartmuseum.org.



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About the Akron Art Museum

The Akron Art Museum is dedicated to enriching lives through modern and contemporary art, showcasing regional, national, and international works created since 1850. Housed in a stunning facility designed by the renowned Viennese architectural firm Coop Himmelb(l)au, the Museum's collection features over 7,000 pieces with a strong emphasis on contemporary painting, sculpture, and photography. Each year, the Museum presents nearly a dozen exhibitions highlighting prominent artists across diverse media, including painting, sculpture, photography, video, design, and glass.

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Hours:

Gallery: Wednesday–Sunday: 11 am–5 pm, Thursday: 11 am – 9 pm

Museum Gift Shop: Wednesday-Sunday: 11 am-5 pm, Thursday: 11 am-9 pm

Bud and Susie Rogers Garden: Wednesday–Sunday: 11 am–5 pm, Thursday: 11 am–9 pm (weather permitting)

Admission

Adult: \$12

• Senior (65+): \$10

Student (with valid ID): \$8Children (17 and under): Free

• Members: Complimentary

- Admission is free for all every Thursday
- Adults with Ohio EBT card: \$3 (discount available for up to 4 adults per EBT card)
- University of Akron Students, Faculty, and Staff (with valid Zip Card): Complimentary

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