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**SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART ANNOUNCES TWO NEW
ADDITIONS TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – The Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) is pleased to welcome two distinguished leaders in the arts to its Board of Trustees, **Brianna H. Moncrief** and **Courtney Treut**.



(Left) Brianna H. Moncrief; (Right) Courtney Treut (Photo by Ted Sun)

Briana H. Moncrief relocated to Montecito in 2020 and recently celebrated her marriage to her partner, R. Wesley Moncrief. A graduate of the Brooks Institute of Photography, Briana began her career as a graphic designer for renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly, where she went on to create *Chihuly Black*. Her longstanding experience in interior and graphic design led her to the Parsons School of Design in New York. Following her time at Parsons, she worked with leading hospitality firm AvroKO and later served as Creative Director for experiential marketing agency Relevant. Today, she brings her sophisticated, creative vision to her work as the creator of Black + Steel Studio.

“The Santa Barbara Museum of Art has long offered a personal and engaging experience for the community. After moving back to Santa Barbara following 11 years in New York City, I felt so lucky to be surrounded by such a strong collection and institution,” Shared Moncrief. “The Museum’s inviting atmosphere draws you in again and again, and I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to the energy and momentum that makes SBMA so special.”

Courtney Treut brings extensive experience from some of the world’s most influential contemporary art galleries. She most recently led the opening of Michael Werner Gallery in Beverly Hills and previously served as Senior Director at Sean Kelly Gallery, Director at Hauser & Wirth in Los Angeles, and Director at Anton Kern Gallery in New York. Courtney holds a B.A. in History of Art & Architecture from Boston University. She lives in Los Angeles and Montecito with her husband, John, and their two children, Jack and Beatrix. She also serves on the committee for the Hammer Museum’s Kids Art Museum Project (KAMP).

“We are honored to welcome Briana and Courtney to the Board of Trustees,” shared Amada Cruz, Eichholz Foundation Director. “Each brings a distinctive combination of creativity, leadership, and deep engagement with the arts. Their experience and perspective will be invaluable as we continue to strengthen the Museum’s role as a vibrant cultural resource for Santa Barbara and beyond.”

“The Board of Trustees is delighted to welcome Briana Moncrief and Courtney Treut,” shared Chairman Michael Linn. “They bring experience, judgment, and a deep appreciation for the arts that will serve the Museum well. We look forward to their contributions to the governance of this important institution.”

About SBMA

The Santa Barbara Museum of Art is a dynamic cultural institution dedicated to integrating art into everyday life. Through internationally recognized exhibitions, thoughtful stewardship of a distinguished permanent collection, and immersive arts learning experiences for all ages, SBMA connects historic and contemporary perspectives in meaningful ways. We foster curiosity, dialogue, and creative exploration, serving as a welcoming civic space where art enriches individual lives and strengthens our community.

Location: 1130 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA.

Hours: Tuesday – Sunday, 11 AM – 5 PM | Free 1st Thursdays, 5 – 8 PM

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