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Dubuque Museum of Art Announces New Director of Advancement

DUBUQUE, IA - The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA) has announced the appointment of Emma Stapleton as Director of Advancement, effective May 31, 2022.

Stapleton has spent the past decade working in development and leadership positions in the nonprofit sector with a strong passion for arts and education. Past roles have included Development Director for The Recording Academy/GRAMMYS, Director of Development at Northwestern University, and Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Berklee College. Her tenure at these institutions has garnered more than \$65 million individually raised.

As a philanthropic consultant, she has contributed to award winning campaign strategies for No Kid Hungry, The Environmental Defense Fund, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Saving a Life Project, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Care Not Cuffs: Decriminalizing Mental Health, and amidst COVID-19, a national campaign providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.

An accomplished musician, Stapleton received her master of music degree in cello performance from New England Conservatory. She holds dual undergraduate degrees in music and art history from the University of Iowa. Stapleton has performed as a solo, orchestral, and chamber musician in

venues such as Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall, Jordan Hall, and Boston's Symphony Hall, and she was a fellowship recipient at the Aspen Music Festival and School and the Tanglewood Music Festival.

"We are thrilled to welcome Emma to DuMA during this time of momentum and growth," said Gary Stoppelman, Executive Director. "Emma's wealth of development experience, knowledge, commitment to our donors and community, is the perfect blend to help us fulfill our mission and realize our long-term vision for the Museum."

As a native of Dubuque, Emma is proud to return to her roots. "While I have had the opportunity to work on a global scale, the pandemic deeply changed my perspective and priorities. I returned home to Dubuque and am committed to working locally to give back to the community that raised me. It is a tremendous honor to join the team at DuMA to advance its overarching mission and vision for the region."

About the Dubuque Museum of Art

The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA), founded in 1874 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2004, is Iowa's oldest cultural institution. Named a national affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in 2016, DuMA's mission is to create engaging art experiences that excite, inspire, and connect our community.

DuMA is located across from Washington Park in historic downtown Dubuque at 7th and Locust Streets. The museum is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. Daily admission rates: \$7 Adults, \$6 Seniors, and \$4 College/University Students. Free for veterans, active military, their families and Museum members. Admission is free for all on Thursdays, and those 18 and younger receive free admission every day.

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