

From the Louise Taft Semple President/CEO

Hello Friends,

This summer promises to deliver amazing experiences as we continue to make robust advances towards our institutional goals (at right)!

We eagerly anticipate another season of extraordinary exhibitions, programs, and artistic adventure. Our next special exhibition, *Moment in Time: A Legacy of Photographs / Works from the Bank of America Collection*, opens this June. It is a compelling show that explores photography's technical capabilities and its impact on the world of fine art. The Inside Story on pages 4–5 gives a sneak peek into these unique processes and the creatives who brought them to life. This special exhibition precedes another in-depth photography show coming this October as part of FotoFocus, *Posing Beauty in African American Culture*, tracing the relationship between African American beauty and visual culture from the 1890s to the present (page 7).

We also look forward to celebrating the warmer weather with another captivating calendar of activities for everyone to enjoy, whether you need a little cool air in the galleries or fresh air in the garden and café. This includes new experiences, such as our tranquil Sip & Paint in the Garden series (page 8), whimsical Mad Hatter Tea Parties (page 11), and Taft at Twilight movie nights on the lawn. We have also added new programs such as Museum Moments on our free Sundays and Mondays (a full calendar can be found on pages 12–13).

I'm excited to celebrate your dedication to the museum and generosity toward our educational programs at the A Race to the Taft gala on May 3. If you wish to explore more ways to support our programs, you can enter to win some incredible prizes in this year's raffle, including the world's top-rated bourbon, field seat passes to an FC Cincinnati match, and more! It will truly be a summer of fun here at the Taft Museum of Art!

See you at the museum,



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2023–2026

INSTITUTIONAL PLAN

Progress Report

BECOME A LEADING ARTS HUB

- ✓ Enhanced new content for our Google Arts + Culture platform
- ✓ Becky represented the Taft and Love This House at Climate Week in New York City, for a panel by the Frankenthaler Foundation

PUTTING THE VISITOR FIRST

- ✓ Introduced a streamlined online ticketing and membership platform
- ✓ Completed visitor experience training videos for front-line team members

PROVIDE INCLUSION AND ACCESS TO THE ARTS

- ✓ Received a grant from the Art Bridges Foundation to expand museum access with free Monday admission
- ✓ Initiated partnerships with Clovernook Center to explore braille labels and 3-D replicas and with KultureCity to train staff on sensory inclusiveness

SECURE THE MUSEUM'S FUTURE

- ✓ Creation of new annual corporate sponsorships
- ✓ Added new community members to our committees