

NEWS RELEASE



# Montclair Art Museum

**For Immediate Release**

**Media Contacts**

Michael Gillespie, 973-259-5134

[mgillespie@montclairartmuseum.org](mailto:mgillespie@montclairartmuseum.org)

Catherine Mastrangelo, 973-259-5119

[cmastrangelo@montclairartmuseum.org](mailto:cmastrangelo@montclairartmuseum.org)

**THE MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM NAMES NEW TRUSTEES**

MONTCLAIR, NJ, August 1, 2011 — At its June 15 meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Montclair Art Museum (MAM) named four new members. Their terms began July 1.

Special thanks were given to the following departing Board members for their years of service and dedication to the Museum: Patti Elliott, Janet Taylor Pickett, and Donna Uher.

**MAM welcomes the following individuals to the Board of Trustees:**

**John Dowd**

John Dowd is the senior managing director for Wells Fargo Private Bank's Northeast Region, headquartered in New York City. He is responsible for approximately 600 staff members including private bankers, investment managers, financial planners, trust officers, wealth brokers, and insurance advisors, with offices in Boston, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. Dowd previously was the executive vice president and managing executive of BNY Mellon Wealth Management's Tri-State Region, also headquartered in NYC, and the head of the private bank and chief trust officer for The Bank of New York, the oldest private bank in the U.S. He was also chairman of the Bank's Trust and Investment Committee, and served on the Bank's Pension Committee and the Bank's Operating Committee. Dowd received his B.A. from Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, and his M.B.A. from Columbia University. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Banker's Association, and serves on the boards of Junior Achievement of New Jersey and Montclair Golf Club. He is a 1981 graduate of Montclair High School and lives in Verona, New Jersey, with his wife, Molli, who holds a master's in design from New York University, and their two daughters, Samantha and Patricia.

**Andrew Lacey**

Andrew Lacey is deputy chairman of Lazard Asset Management responsible for oversight of the firm's U.S. and global strategies. He is also a portfolio manager/analyst on various U.S. and global equity portfolio teams. Lacey began working in the investment field in 1995 when he joined Lazard as a member of Lazard's Global Research Platform. From 1989 to 1994, Lacey was a teacher at the Pingry School and Buckingham Browne & Nichols. He has an M.B.A. from Columbia University and a B.A. with honors from the College of Social Studies, Wesleyan University. Lacey is also currently on the Board of Trustees of the Link Community School. Lacey currently lives in Montclair.

—more—

**James Leitner**

James Leitner manages absolute return portfolios at Falcon Management Corporation. Previously, he worked as an FX trader at Morgan Guaranty, chief dealer at Bank of America International, vice president for proprietary trading at Shearson Lehman, and managing director at Bankers Trust. He earned his bachelor's degree from Yale in economics with an emphasis on Russia and Eastern Europe, holds a master's degree from Columbia University specializing in international finance and Russian studies, and received a J.D. from Fordham University Law School. He has been acknowledged by these institutions with the following awards: the Columbia University Alumni Medal of 2009, the Eugene J. Keefe Award of 2010 and the Richard J. Bennett Memorial Award from Fordham Law School, and the Yale Medal of 2010. Leitner is also a member of the Board of Advocates for Human Rights First and serves on the Campaign Committees for Montclair Kimberly Academy and Yale's Tomorrow Campaign. Leitner was featured in Steve Drobny's books *Inside the House of Money* (Chapter 4) and *The Invisible Hands* (Chapter 3), *Time Magazine*, and *The Deal Magazine*. He has also contributed to the publications *Exploiting the Interest Rate Differential in Currency Trading* with Bill Fung and David Hsieh and Andrew.W. Gitlin's *Strategic Currency Investing*. Leitner grew up in Germany and Turkey.

**Nader Tavakoli**

Nader Tavakoli is chairman and chief executive officer of EagleRock Capital Management, a private investment firm based in New York City. His investment experience spans a wide range of industries, asset classes, and investment strategies. Prior to founding EagleRock in 2001, Tavakoli managed substantial investment portfolios at Odyssey Partners, Highbridge Capital Management, and Cowen and Co. He began his professional career as an attorney with the New York City law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy, where he represented a wide range of institutional clients in significant corporate restructuring, banking, and litigation matters. He earned his J.D. from the Rutgers Law School, where he was also an editor of the Rutgers Law Review, and received his B.A. from Montclair State University, where he served as president of the student government and valedictorian. Tavakoli currently serves on the board of Magnachip Semiconductor Corporation, and is involved with a number of not-for-profit organizations, including the Montclair State University Foundation, Little Kids Rock, Stand & Deliver, the Princess Grace Foundation, and the Challenged Athletes Foundation. Tavakoli resides in Montclair, New Jersey with his fiancée Denise Muggli, and is the proud father of Mariel, a sophomore at the College of William and Mary.

**About the Museum**

The Montclair Art Museum, a notable, community-based institution with an international reputation, boasts a renowned collection of American and Native American art that uniquely highlights art making in the United States over the last three hundred years. The collection includes more than 12,000 objects: paintings, prints, original works on paper, photographs, and sculpture by American artists from the 18th century to the present, as well as traditional and contemporary Native American art and artifacts representing the cultural developments of peoples from all of the major American Indian regions. The Museum's educational programs serve a wide public and bring artists, performers, and scholars to the Museum on a regular basis. MAM's Yard School of Art is the leading regional art school, offering a multitude of comprehensive courses for children, teens, adults, seniors, and professional artists.

—more—

The Montclair Art Museum is located at 3 South Mountain Avenue in Montclair, N.J. Information and directions are available on the Museum website, [montclairartmuseum.org](http://montclairartmuseum.org), or by calling 973-746-5555. MAM is open Wednesdays through Sundays, Noon – 5 p.m., and closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, and major holidays. Museum admission is \$12 for nonmember adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with I.D., and free for members and children under 12.

###