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Business and Education Leaders Join the Visual Arts Center of NJ's B.O.D.



From L to R: David Hardin, Deborah Schwarzmann, Stefan Shaffer, and Jesse Torrey

Summit, NJ (December 6, 2016) —At its recent Annual Meeting, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey welcomed four new members to the Board of Trustees. New members will bring a wealth of expertise from their respective fields of investment banking, law, education and art.

David Hardin of Chatham is an attorney in private practice in Summit for almost thirty years and a partner in the Summit office of the law firm of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, PC. The 2013 Union County Teacher of the Year, Deborah Schwarzmann worked as a language arts teacher at Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School for more than twenty-seven years, and most recently retired to focus on supporting civic organizations. Also from Summit, Stefan Shaffer is a founder and the Managing Partner of SPP Capital Partners, LLC (“SPP”); a New York-based investment bank dedicated exclusively to the U.S. private capital markets, and the Managing Partner of SPP Mezzanine Partners. Jesse Torrey of Maplewood is a freelance photographer, former art educator and now author of the blog, *Smiles and Duct Tape*.

“We are thrilled with our new slate of Board members who will bring great energy and experience to our mission of transforming and enriching lives through the shared experience of art in our community,” said Visual Arts Center of New Jersey’s Chair of the Board, Marie Cohen.

Members rotating off the Board this year include, Summit’s Jay DeLaney, Lori Donohue and Wolfgang Guenther, and Greg Smith of Short Hills. To find out more about the Art Center and volunteer opportunities visit www.artcenternj.org.

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About the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey

For more than 80 years, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey has been dedicated to viewing, making and learning about contemporary art. Recognized as a leading non-profit arts organization and accredited by the American Alliance for Museums, the Art Center’s renowned studio school, acclaimed exhibitions, and educational outreach initiatives serve thousands of youth, families, seniors and people with special needs every year.