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Lyman Allyn Art Museum

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LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF MIKE BEASLEY AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

New London – The Lyman Allyn Art Museum is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Beasley as its new Director of Development. With over 15 years of experience in major gifts, corporate and annual giving, membership programs, and fundraising events, Mike brings a wealth of expertise to this key role. He assumed his new position with the Museum on Dec. 10.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mike as our new Director of Development," said Museum Director Sam Quigley. "His extensive experience and knowledge will contribute to the Lyman Allyn's growth, both financially and in expanding the Museum's presence within the community."

Beasley, a graduate of Bennington College, is a native of Connecticut. Over the trajectory of his career, he has fostered a deep and lasting passion for the arts and culture. He began his career at The Art Institute of Chicago as a Project Manager for The School of the Art Institute's Betty Rymer Gallery, and as a Project Manager for The Field Museum of Natural History. Later, as the Director of Development at the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico, he launched and managed several development programs including household and corporate memberships, annual giving and major gifts. Most recently, Beasley held the position of Manager of Individual Giving & Special Events at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, where he led annual giving and membership campaigns, and key fundraising events.

"I'm excited to be joining the Lyman Allyn team and look forward to diving in fully to help expand the Museum's impact in our community," said Beasley, who will oversee fundraising initiatives, focus on building existing and new audiences, and expand the Museum's planned giving programs.

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About the Lyman Allyn Art Museum

Lyman Allyn Art Museum welcomes visitors from New London, southeastern Connecticut and all over the world. Established in 1926 with a gift from Harriet Allyn in memory of her seafaring father, the Museum opened the doors of its beautiful neoclassical building surrounded by 12 acres of green space in 1932. Today it presents several changing exhibitions each year and houses a fascinating collection of over 19,000 objects from ancient times to the present, including art from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe, with

particularly strong collections of American paintings, decorative arts and Victorian toys and doll houses.

The museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut, exit 83 off I-95. It is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.**, and closed on Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit www.lymanallyn.org.