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News Release

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Art Museum Director Candidates to Visit Springfield

Three candidates for the next Director of the Springfield Art Museum will be in Springfield next week for interviews with the Art Museum Board. The three candidates will also meet with the City of Springfield's Leadership Team and will hold a meet-and-greet session with the public.

In keeping with past practice, the candidate's names and career backgrounds will be released next week, closer to the time of the Springfield visit. However, the City and the Art Museum Board want to ensure the public has advance notice of the meet-and-greet session in order to make plans for attendance.

The three candidates will visit Springfield for interviews on Friday, Oct. 21. The meet-and-greet session will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the lobby of the Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. All three candidates will briefly introduce themselves and will then be free to talk to those in attendance for the remainder of the session.

Written comments by members of the public will be given to the Art Museum Board, which is the hiring authority under the City Charter. Once a finalist is selected, the City will need to conduct additional required background checks, determine a start date and negotiate terms of employment.

For more information about the selection process, contact: Assistant City Manager Collin Quigley, (417) 864-1116; or Director of Human Resources Sheila Maerz, (417) 864-1600.