

# THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

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## ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO NAMES NEW

### DEPUTY DIRECTOR/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Meredith Mack, Current Senior-Vice President of Finance and Operations,

To Assume Role November 12, 2007

James Cuno, President and Eloise W. Martin Director of the Art Institute of Chicago, has announced the appointment of **Meredith Mack** to the position of **Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer** of the Art Institute of Chicago, effective **November 12, 2007**. The



appointment follows the departure of **Patricia Woodworth**, current Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration, who will be assuming the position of Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer for the J. Paul Getty Trust in Los Angeles.

“While we are certainly sorry to see Patti Woodworth head west, all of us are very excited for Meredith Mack to take on an expanded role at the Museum in this crucial moment of its development,” said James Cuno, President and Eloise W. Martin Director of the Art Institute. “Meredith is one of the few people I know equally well versed in the language of the construction site and the figures on a spread sheet. Over her years at the

Art Institute, she has demonstrated, time and time again, equilibrium, good humor, and superior abilities—all qualities critical to the sustained development of the Museum. We're very much looking forward to Meredith's tenure as Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer."

Ms. Mack, the current Senior Vice President of Finance and Operations, has been with the Art Institute since 2003, and she manages all building operations, design, construction, and security for the Museum and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Filling the new position of Deputy Director, Mack will now oversee museum finance, auxiliary operations, protection services, physical plant, and design and construction, including the project management of the museum's largest expansion in its history, the Modern Wing. Mack's previous responsibilities included both the Museum and the School; in her new role as Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, she will serve the Museum exclusively.

Prior to 2003, Mack was the Assistant Vice President of Facilities at the University of Chicago, leading the team designing and building over \$500 million in new construction of dormitories, dining facilities, laboratories, and an athletic center. From 1994 to 1998, she was a senior manager at the Chicago Park District. Mack has a B.A. from Stanford University and an M.A. from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is on the boards of Landmarks Illinois and the Old Town School of Folk Music.

Museum administrators will be reviewing the organization of the finance and budget office over the coming weeks and, pending this review, will make recommendations as to filling the position of Chief Financial Officer.

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