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**Berkshire Museum Announces New Chief Engagement Officer**
Hilary Dunne Ferrone adds experience, expertise to Museum team

[PITTSFIELD, MA] – Berkshire Museum welcomes Hilary Dunne Ferrone as Chief Engagement Officer. Ms. Ferrone has 25 years of experience in nonprofit strategic planning, philanthropy, program development, and management for arts, higher education, and government organizations, most recently as the interim Director of Institutional Advancement for Bard College at Simon’s Rock.

As Chief Engagement Officer, Ms. Ferrone will be a key member of the Museum leadership team, responsible for all aspects of community engagement including fundraising, membership, foundation grants, corporate and community partnerships, special events, new program development, and communications.

“Joining Berkshire Museum at this important time in its history offers an exciting opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the vibrancy of our community. I look forward to helping the Museum find new ways to connect its programming to the people and organizations of the Berkshires and beyond,” said Ms. Ferrone. “I’m happy to join a leadership team that includes such a depth of experience and talent.”

A seasoned nonprofit executive, Ms. Ferrone has devoted her career to the success of community organizations in the Berkshire Taconic region. Prior to Simon’s Rock, Ms. Ferrone provided strategic guidance for the Spencertown Academy Arts Center, developed and led the Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, and served as a senior implementation coordinator for the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery under Governor Cuomo, where she oversaw initiatives for post-storm recovery and community redevelopment. Early in her career, Ms. Ferrone worked in New York and California with globally recognized nonprofits.
“I’m thrilled to have Hilary with us at the Museum. Her wealth of nonprofit experience and deep understanding of the Berkshires, along with her passion for our mission, are great assets for the Museum and for our community. As the Museum moves into its next chapter, Hilary’s work engaging with a broad range of constituents will be essential to our success,” said Jeff Rodgers, Berkshire Museum Executive Director.

Ms. Ferrone’s community involvement and volunteerism includes philanthropic advising for the Fund for Columbia County, Berkshire Country Day School, and the Columbia Land Conservancy. She has been an on-air contributor for WAMC on issues related to nonprofits and philanthropy. She holds a BA in history from Hamilton College and a master’s in preservation from Columbia University’s School of Architecture.

**About Berkshire Museum**

Located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Museum combines art, science, and history to create thought-provoking experiences for the whole family through interactive programs and interdisciplinary exhibitions. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday noon to 5 pm. Admission is $13; free admission for children under 18, Museum members, and EBT cardholders. For more information, visit berkshiremuseum.org or call 413.443.7171.

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