Jeff Rodgers Steps Down as Berkshire Museum Executive Director
Interim Leadership of the Community Museum to be Shared by Existing Senior Leadership Team

[Pittsfield, MA] – Jeff Rodgers stepped down as Executive Director of the Berkshire Museum on September 10, 2021, after two and a half years serving the museum and the Berkshire community.

In an announcement to staff, Rodgers noted, “Thanks to the hard work of many, the museum has made tremendous progress. We are financially secure, deferred maintenance issues have been addressed, and we have just celebrated the re-opening of our second-floor galleries and learning spaces after extensive renovations. The strength of the museum’s current position makes my decision easier.”

“I am grateful to you all who helped move this museum to a better place,” Rodgers continued. “This has been an extraordinary experience with smart, talented, and dedicated staff and volunteers. We share a commitment to art, science, history, and discovery, determined to find the most engaging and effective ways to share knowledge and spark enthusiasm. I will seek

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new ways to focus my passion for science and education, and new opportunities for direct engagement with curious learners.”

Board of Trustees President Ethan Klepetar expressed gratitude on behalf of the board for Rodgers’ contributions. “Jeff has led the museum in a steady, thoughtful manner that has set the organization on a path to a brighter future, and his creative insights have laid the groundwork for exciting improvements in development today. He has built a strong leadership team around him which will now confidently share interim leadership of the museum as the staff continue to create innovative new programs and experiences for our community and carry on partnerships Jeff has built with other community organizations that have strengthened the Berkshires cultural community.”

The Berkshire Museum’s Board of Trustees will engage a search firm to assist with a national search for a new director. Interim leadership of the museum will be shared by Chief Engagement Officer Hilary Dunne Ferrone, Chief Experience Officer Craig Langlois, and Chief Operating Officer Miriam Kronberg.

About the Berkshire Museum
Located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, the Berkshire Museum combines art, science, and history to create thought-provoking experiences for the whole family through interactive programs, interdisciplinary exhibitions, and engaging online series. Exhibitions currently on view include The Land of the Thunder Dragon: Bhutan Through the Lens of Mead Eagle Photography, Muh-he-con-ne-ok: The People of the Waters That Are Never Still,
*Objects and Their Stories, the Aquarium, and more.* Plan your visit at [berkshiremuseum.org](http://berkshiremuseum.org) or go to [explore.berkshiremuseum.org](http://explore.berkshiremuseum.org) to enjoy the Berkshire Museum wherever you are.