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### **Christian H. Cutler to Lead Windgate Museum of Art at Hendrix**

*New director brings more than 20 years of art museum and higher education experience*

CONWAY, Ark. (July 14, 2022) — Christian H. Cutler will be the new Director of the Windgate Museum of Art at Hendrix College, beginning Monday, July 18.

The Windgate Museum of Art is housed in the Miller Creative Quad, which opened in the fall of 2019. The museum serves as a pedagogical resource for Hendrix College and is free and open to the public.

Cutler brings more than 23 years of combined private art gallery, museum, and university gallery experience from behind-the-scenes preparations for show openings, juried exhibitions, visiting artists, and fundraising, to managing overall operations of gallery exhibition programming, education, and design. He holds an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art.

“We are thrilled to have Christian Cutler join the Hendrix community and lead the Windgate Museum of Art,” said Hendrix College Provost Dr. Terri Bonebright. “He has built a reputation for creating thought-provoking, thematic exhibitions that bring diverse and culturally relevant contemporary art, historical artwork, and design to audiences. We look forward to his leadership and engagement with the Hendrix community.”

Cutler most recently served as gallery director for the University of Central Missouri, and previously for Stephen F. Austin State University, where he managed multiple exhibition spaces, producing more than 20 annual exhibitions, and overseeing dozens of events, including the highly popular “First Friday Films” series for Nacogdoches, Texas, and the “Gallery Kids” tours and workshops for Warrensburg, Missouri. He has also worked as the assistant to the director of the Sir Elton John Collection and as the registrar’s assistant at the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

“Hendrix College is an institution I have long admired, and I am honored to be the next director of the Windgate Museum,” said Cutler. “After more than 13 years of working in higher education, my commitment to student development and community outreach is unwavering. Curating dynamic

exhibitions, mentoring students from diverse backgrounds, and fostering collaborative relationships both on and off campus are immensely rewarding experiences that I look forward to bringing to Hendrix College.”

As a graduate of fellow Associated Colleges of the South member institution, Sewanee, Cutler said he understands and appreciates the value of a rigorous liberal arts curriculum that fosters exploration, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.

“My undergraduate experience shaped my view of higher education, and I think that is why I find producing interdisciplinary exhibitions one of the most rewarding experiences as a gallery director and curator,” said Cutler. “Drawing a diverse audience of students, faculty, and community members and encouraging them to see or think in new ways is both personally and professionally gratifying.”

He will be responsible for leadership and strategic planning for museum work in collaboration with constituents on and off campus; management and preservation related to the facility and collection; working with artists, collectors, galleries, museums, and foundations to secure loans of artwork for exhibitions; and overseeing the College’s permanent collection, including new acquisitions, collection records, loans and returns across campus, and storage.

To learn more about the Windgate Museum of Art, visit [www.windgatemuseum.org](http://www.windgatemuseum.org).

### **About Hendrix College**

A private liberal arts college in Conway, Arkansas, Hendrix College consistently earns recognition as one of the country’s leading liberal arts institutions, and is featured in *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges*. Its academic quality and rigor, innovation, and value have established Hendrix as a fixture in numerous college guides, lists, and rankings. Founded in 1876, Hendrix has been affiliated with the United Methodist Church since 1884. To learn more, visit [www.hendrix.edu](http://www.hendrix.edu).

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