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CORNELL FINE ARTS MUSEUM AT ROLLINS APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

WINTER PARK, FL – Rollins College announced today the appointment of Scott Habes as the Bruce A. Beal Director of The Cornell Fine Arts Museum. Habes comes to CFAM with more than 15 years of progressive experience in museum administration, most recently at The Picker Art Gallery at Colgate University. In announcing the appointment, Roger Casey, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost of Rollins, said, “I join the Board of Visitors and Rollins faculty and staff in my delight that Scott Habes will be joining us this spring. Through his creative vision and outstanding administrative skills, Scott will continue to elevate the tradition of excellence associated with the names Cornell, Beal, and Rollins.”

At Colgate, Scott Habes led a transformation of the Picker Art Gallery’s physical appearance and programs to reflect a contemporary vision for exhibiting the history of art and visual culture. He forged his museum administration experience as associate director of the renowned Corcoran College of Art and Design (Washington, D.C.). In 1999, he was appointed director of The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, College Park. There, Habes successfully led exhibition fund-raising efforts, served as curator of numerous select exhibition projects, created the Lecture Series on contemporary art, and set professional standards for museum security and operations.

Speaking to his approach to the new post at the Cornell, Habes said, “I am honored to join Rollins College's Cornell Fine Arts Museum at this key juncture in its history. The museum is well positioned to grow as a teaching resource for the college as well as a cultural jewel for Winter Park and the surrounding area. I am looking forward to

working with and learning from Rollins College's outstanding faculty and staff and its highly dedicated boards in leading this unique and exciting organization towards a new chapter."

Scott Habes was the unanimous choice of the selection committee comprised of representatives from the Museum's Board of Visitors, Museum staff, and Rollins faculty. The Board of Visitors found him well suited to focus on a financial and governing mission that can result in growth of the permanent collection, endowments and daily operating success. Ken Scarce, Chair of the Board of Visitors, said, "Scott's appointment as the next Bruce A. Beal Director represents an excellent selection based upon his past accomplishments and the vision he expressed for the Museum."

Scott Habes received a Bachelors of Arts degree in Economics and another in Art History from the State University of New York at Oswego. He earned an M.B.A. in Arts Administration from the State University of New York at Binghamton. His appointment is effective May 3, 2010.

The George D. and Harriet W. Cornell Fine Arts Museum is a bountiful resource for the academic community of Rollins College and the wider interest of art lovers worldwide. It presents original and traveling seasonal exhibitions that appeal to all tastes, in its new home on the shores of Lake Virginia. Many exhibits feature items from its permanent collection of paintings, prints, drawings and sculpture, including works of artists such as: Albert Bierstadt, John Frederick Kensett, Henri Matisse, Thomas Moran, Pablo Picasso and Tintoretto among many others. The Cornell houses a Museum Shop and presents lectures, films and special programming year-round.

Gallery hours: Tues. – Fri. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm., Sat. and Sun. 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Admission: \$5.00 for adults. FREE to CFAM members, Rollins College faculty, staff, all students with current ID, and children. The Cornell Fine Arts Museum is located on the campus of Rollins College near downtown Winter Park. For additional information please call 407-646-2526 or visit our website at cfam.rollins.edu.

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