

# Media Response

As you may have seen, *Asheville Watchdog*, the online publication, ran articles recounting allegations made by a few former Trustees and employees of the Asheville Art Museum. The purpose of the articles and continuing efforts by these few individuals through social media was to advocate for the immediate resignation of the Museum's Executive Director. The Museum's Board of Trustees responded to inquiries from the *Asheville Watchdog* transparently and takes seriously any issues related to staff and management. In fact, the allegations had already been investigated by an independent consultant and appropriate actions had been taken to address them in an effective, proactive manner.

On any day at the Museum, you will find staff who are actively engaged in curating new exhibitions, developing a multitude of educational experiences, producing innovative workshops, caring for collections held in the public trust, and presenting original opportunities that challenge, encourage learning, and foster important dialogue and discourse. These activities further the Museum's mission and vision and inspire and engage audiences of all ages and abilities with American art of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries and art of the region. The Board of Trustees is committed to the Museum's senior leadership and to staff, to continuing its oversight responsibility in a professional manner, and to addressing any potential issues appropriately. The 2022 National Medal of Museum and Library Service award-winning Asheville Art Museum is dedicated to its mission to offer art and education programming to inspire and engage diverse audiences, and to continue grow its services and partnerships, as it connects with the community, region, and beyond.