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The Frick Pittsburgh names Amanda Dunyak Gillen as Executive Director

After over 20 years with the Frick, Gillen ascends from her former role as the director of learning and visitor experience into the organization's top seat

PITTSBURGH – After a four-month, national search, The Frick Pittsburgh's Board of Trustees has named Amanda Dunyak Gillen as its new executive director. Gillen will begin her tenure immediately.

“The Frick Pittsburgh's Board of Trustees is thrilled to appoint Amanda Dunyak Gillen to the position of executive director. After an extensive, national search, we concluded that the best person for the job was already at the Frick. We appreciate the work Amanda has done to keep the Frick on the right course in her role as interim executive director and have tremendous confidence in her ability to steer the Frick forward,” said **Steve Pavsner, Chair of the Board of Trustees**.

Gillen has served as the organization's interim executive director since November 2024. Before that, she had been the Frick's director of learning and visitor experience since 2013. Gillen has worked at the Frick for more than 20 years in the curatorial, education and learning departments.

“I am deeply honored to accept the role of executive director and am excited to continue working alongside a dedicated team of colleagues. Together, we are committed to advancing the institution's mission and fostering its continued growth. We will build on the Frick's proud legacy of presenting thought-provoking exhibitions, compelling historical interpretation and dynamic programming,” **Amanda Dunyak Gillen** said. “I am grateful to the Board of Trustees for their confidence in me, and I look forward to collaborating together as we chart the next chapter in the Frick's extraordinary journey.”

In addition to overseeing all adult, student and family programs related to the museum's diverse collection during her years as the director of learning and visitor experience, Amanda has been responsible for initiatives under the Frick's strategic plan and supported the recent award-winning reinterpretation project at Clayton. In prior years, she was part of the design team for the Frick's \$15 million expansion that resulted in the creation of a new Grable Visitor Center, a renovated Car & Carriage Museum, collections storage and a new Education Center with facilities to support programming for learners of all ages and needs.

Since 2017, Amanda has been a member of the board of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums, the region's professional museum organization, and has served as vice-chair for the past year. She is an adjunct professor at Duquesne University, where she teaches a graduate course on museum education and public programming and an undergraduate course on the introduction to public history. She is also active with the Historical Society of Mount Lebanon, serving as the organization's president in 2024.

Amanda earned her B.A. in History from Allegheny College, where she also received a certificate in Elementary Education, and an M.A. in Public History from Duquesne University. She lives in Mt. Lebanon with her husband Eric, an attorney at Ebara Elliott Energy, their daughter Josie, their dog Parker and two rescue cats, Violet and Willow.

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About The Frick Pittsburgh

The Frick Pittsburgh offers authentic experiences with art, history and nature that inspire and delight. Visitors of all ages and backgrounds are warmly welcomed to explore collections of fine and decorative arts, vehicles, historic objects, and buildings – including Clayton, the Frick family home and only intact Gilded Age mansion remaining from Pittsburgh's Millionaire's Row – left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Helen Clay Frick, daughter of noted industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick. Alongside these treasures, the Frick offers an active schedule of temporary exhibitions and programs on our 10-acre garden campus in the heart of Pittsburgh's East End. Information about The Frick Pittsburgh is available online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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