The Frick Pittsburgh Announce Election of New Trustees and Board Committee Members

Pittsburgh, Pa., January 30, 2024 – The Frick Pittsburgh is pleased to announce the election of three new Term Trustees – James P. Cassaro, David Werner, and Brian Wongchaowart – to the organization’s Board of Trustees, as well as one new advisory committee member – Arthur Chileshe. The Board, which includes Family Trustees (descendants of Henry Clay Frick) and Term Trustees, made the four new appointments over the course of 2023.

James P. Cassaro is a librarian and professor emeritus and retired head of the music library at the University of Pittsburgh, where he taught and conducted research in fields including 17th-century French music, music bibliography, and music narrative and theory for over 24 years. Cassaro has published several monographs over his career, and currently serves as editor-in-chief of Fontes Artis Musicae, the journal of the International Association of Music Libraries. He will serve as a member of the Frick’s Advancement & Engagement committee during his term as a Frick Trustee.

David Werner is an ophthalmologist and long-time Frick supporter whose collection of Scandinavian art will be shown at the Frick Art Museum in a future exhibition. A resident of State College, PA, Werner currently serves on the collections committees of the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Palmer Museum of Art at Penn State. He has been a member of the board of the Carnegie Museum of Art for 14 years. Werner will serve on the Frick’s Collections and Exhibitions Committee as a Term Trustee.
Brian Wongchaowart is a senior software engineer at Google, and a passionate museum and non-profit supporter. Wongchaowart currently serves on the executive committee of the Mattress Factory and the University of Pittsburgh’s Library System Board of Visitors. He served on the advisory board of the Carnegie Museum of Art from 2017–2024. He holds three degrees from Pitt: a B.A. in Classics, as well as a B.S. and M.S. in Computer Science, and has published several scholarly works on cybersecurity and information technology. Wongchaowart will serve on the Frick’s Learning & Visitor Experience Committee as a Term Trustee.

Arthur Chileshe is Manager of Distribution Engineering for Duquesne Light’s Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan. A native of Zambia, Chileshe emigrated to Pittsburgh to complete his undergraduate and graduate studies in engineering at Point Park University. He is a 2022 alumnus of The Advanced Leadership Institute (TALI). Chileshe’s appointment to the Frick’s Buildings & Grounds Committee as a committee member marks his first experience in non-profit Board service.

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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