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## **Janice Monger named as Staten Island Museum President & CEO**

(Staten Island, NY – July 21, 2017) Janice Monger will lead the Staten Island Museum as its new President & CEO, effective September 13.

With the appointment, Board Chair David Businelli stated, *“After a national search, the Board is in unanimous agreement that Janice Monger is uniquely qualified to shape a 21<sup>st</sup> Century vision for the Staten Island Museum. She brings deep experience in the museum field and has proven her ability as a leader and creative thinker. The Trustees look forward to working with Janice as we build on the Museum’s 136 year history.”*

Ms. Monger will take the helm just in time to welcome the Staten Island Museum’s 67th Annual Fence Show taking place on Saturday, September 16. Artists and craftspeople are currently registering for this beloved event where thousands will gather to view diverse and original pieces of art hung on the fence yearly.

*“I am excited to work with the dedicated board and staff to ensure that the Staten Island Museum is regarded as a vital community hub. We want every Islander to feel welcome and come participate in fun and creative experiences with art, science and history,”* Monger stated. *“The beautifully renovated building at Snug Harbor offers many programming possibilities, including partnering with artists and local groups, to also draw visitors from farther afield. I look forward to collaborating with fellow organizations on the campus as we continue to grow as a cultural destination.”*

Since April 2013, Ms. Monger has served as Executive Director of the Alice Austen House, an innovative historic house museum dedicated to the early American photographer Alice Austen (1866-1952). During Ms. Monger’s tenure, the Alice Austen House has thrived and increased its visibility and profile across NYC and worldwide. Most recently, Ms. Monger garnered a \$250,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to update the museum’s permanent installation, and led the effort to receive designation as a national site of LGBTQ history.

*“Under Janice’s stewardship, the Alice Austen House has reached a larger and more diverse audience than ever before. We are well-positioned to continue the pattern of growth and are committed to our expanded mission. The board is grateful for Janice’s tremendous contributions to the museum’s success,”* remarked Donna Hakim, Board President, Alice Austen House.

Ms. Monger holds an MA in Visual Arts Administration from New York University and a BA in Art History from Whitman College in Washington State. She was previously Associate Director at the Brooklyn Historical Society where she oversaw the exhibition program, visitor services operations, and capital projects. Ms. Monger has also worked in the education department of The Museum of Modern Art, New York and was formerly a director of Davidson Galleries, a fine art gallery in Seattle, Washington.

Ms. Monger is a recipient of the 20 under 40 Leadership Award (2015) from the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation (2015), and a Women in History Honoree, recognized by Councilwoman Debi Rose (2014). She currently resides on Staten Island’s north shore with her husband and two children.

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**About the Staten Island Museum**

Founded in 1881, the Staten Island Museum, New York City's only general interest museum, engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the connections between natural science, art and history based on its diverse collections. The Museum is open Wednesday – Friday: 11am – 5pm, Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 5pm. Universally accessible. For current exhibits, visit [StatenIslandMuseum.org](https://www.statenislandmuseum.org).