

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

**Director, the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art
Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas**

The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art (www.ksu.edu/bma) announces a national search for Museum Director. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the Beach Museum has a permanent collection of 7,000+ works of art, with emphasis on the art of Kansas and the region, and hosts a year-round calendar of high quality educational programs and temporary exhibitions not restricted to regional art. Facilities are housed in a state-of-the-art 43,000 sq ft museum complex originally opened in 1996 with a major addition dedicated in 2007. An ongoing initiative to digitize the entire collection and collateral materials has reached the half-way point.

The museum director is charged with providing institutional leadership, ensuring the highest standards of quality in all aspects of the museum's operations, and serving as the primary fundraiser.

The Search Advisory Committee seeks candidates with a Master's degree in art history, fine arts, museum studies or related field, and 10 years relevant experience or acceptable equivalent. A Ph.D. in art history or record of significant research is preferred. Outstanding leadership and communication skills, a successful record in fundraising, and extensive knowledge of all aspects of museum management will define the successful candidate. See in-depth position profile: <http://www.academic-search.com/uploads/profiles/BeachMuseumProfile.pdf>.

Founded in 1863, K-State (www.k-state.edu) is one of the nation's premier land-grant universities. More than 23,000 students from all 50 states and more than 90 countries pursue degrees in 250+ undergraduate majors and options, 65 masters degrees, 45 doctoral degrees, and 22 graduate certificates. Ranked among America's "cutting-edge schools," the campus is flourishing under the new leadership team.

The Beach Museum is a unit in K-State's Office of the President. The Director reports to the President through the Assistant to the President/Director of Community Relations.

A dynamic community with a quality of life that is virtually unmatched among American college towns, Manhattan, Kansas, (www.manhattan.org www.manhattancvb.org) is known as the "Little Apple" for the full range of big-city amenities that are enjoyed year-round in an environment that is welcoming and intellectually stimulating. Top national rankings abound from such publications as *Forbes*, *CNNMoney.com*, *Kaplan/Newsweek*, and the Associated Press based on the quality of life

and the community's economic health; Manhattan's public high school ranks in the top 5 percent in the U.S.

Among opportunities awaiting the successful candidate in this search:

- Raise the museum's profile as a research institution and develop a new strategic plan that is synchronistic with the K-State 2025 Visionary Plan.
- Prepare for AAM reaccreditation within the next five years.
- Continue development of the Center for Research on Kansas Art and its proposed initiatives (e.g., Kansas printmakers catalogue raisonné project, Kansas public school art collections survey, Kansas art bibliography database, Kansas artists registry, Kansas art oral history project, visiting scholars program).
- Increase endowments and secure resources for acquisitions, exhibitions, education programs, publications, general operation, endowed positions, student internships, staff growth.
- Continue digitization of collection and related material (photographs, moving images, audio, archival documents, museum publications, etc.) and make this material accessible online.
- Increase the Museum's use of innovative technology and keep pace with evolving trends and practices.
- Articulate the Museum's brand as part of the ongoing campaign to unify the K-State brand and raise the university's national and international profile.
- Increase the Museum's role in civic and community engagement in support of K-State's Land Grant mission.
- Promote collaborative opportunities on campus and with local and state institutions and organizations.
- Continue to develop the relationship with K-State's art department.
- Have in place a museum-designated development director.
- Continue growth in the face of reduced state/university funding.

Application Process and Timeline

The Search Advisory Committee will begin the review of candidates in mid-April. For full consideration, all materials should be received no later than April 15; inquiries will be considered in confidence.

Nominations and inquiries are encouraged.

Applications should include: (1) detailed letter of interest describing specifically how the candidate's qualifications match the Search Committee's desired characteristics; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) complete contact information including email addresses for five references, citing the candidate's professional relationship with each reference listed. Send materials electronically to BeachMuseumDir@academic-search.com

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