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## **Lighthouse Center for the Arts Welcomes New Executive Director**

**Tequesta, Florida** — The Lighthouse Center for the Arts (LCA) welcomes a new executive director, Katie Deits, who brings with her a passion for the arts and in-depth experience in the arts and business. The LCA is northern Palm Beach and southern Martin Counties' oldest and largest visual arts museum, which was founded in 1963 by Christopher Norton, son of the founders of the Norton Museum of Art. LCA features an exhibition Gallery and School of Art with classes for children and adults, beginner through professional levels. Surrounding communities enjoy LCA's year-round diverse and educational exhibits and its popular summer camp for kids ages 4-16. LCA also offers many art-oriented special events, such as the upcoming D'Art for Art on Nov. 14 and the Holiday Gift Market and Café on Dec. 6.

LCA's former executive director, Sonya Davis, accepted a position at the Pensacola Museum of Art triggering a nationwide search for a new executive director for the Lighthouse Center for the Arts. After reviewing hundreds of applications, the search committee interviewed ten qualified applicants and recommended three finalists to be interviewed by the board of directors and the LCA staff. After thorough consideration of the qualifications, philosophy, vision and community contacts of the candidates, the board selected Katie Deits to lead the Center.

Deits grew up in the Palm Beaches and for many years has operated her own business, Camera Graphics, a photography, graphic design and marketing firm. From 2002 to 2008, she was an editor at *The Palm Beach Post*, where she founded the "Discover Local Artists" column. For the past year she led as chief art critic for *Palm Beach ArtsPaper*. She is a member of the International Art Critics Association, which holds chapters in more than 63 countries. She is an award-winning Master Photographer, artist, writer and public speaker. As an arts activist, she has mentored artists, lectured, exhibited and written about art. She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of South Florida, the Florida Degree of Photographic Excellence and a Master of Photography from Professional Photographers of America. She studied art in Italy and New York City and held faculty positions at Barry University, Palm Beach Community College and The Society of the Four Arts. Deits also served on the boards of Artists of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Photographic Centre, Executive Women of the Palm Beaches, Northern Palm Beaches Chamber of Commerce, Executives' Association, and on the art committee for the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

For more information on the Lighthouse Center for the Arts Gallery or School of Art exhibitions, programs and events visit [www.lighthousearts.org](http://www.lighthousearts.org) or call 561-746-3101. The Lighthouse Center for the Arts is located in Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL, one-half mile west of US Hwy 1. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Lighthouse Center for the Arts (LCA) is a non-profit community arts center dedicated to providing excellence in arts exhibitions, instruction, education, outreach and healing for all ages. LCA is a member-supported organization with some support provided by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

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