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FROM: MISSY HOELSCHER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF MoWA

THE MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of The Museum of Western Art is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Darrell Beauchamp as the museum's new Executive Director. Dr. Beauchamp, a Texas native, has most recently served as the Executive Director of the Western Heritage Museum and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame in Hobbs, New Mexico. He began his thirty-year career in museums as the founding Executive Director of the Pearce Museum in Corsicana, Texas and went on to serve as the CEO for several world-class museums including the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana, and the Briscoe Museum in San Antonio.

Dr. Beauchamp holds an earned doctorate from Texas A&M University – Commerce. He and his wife Jan are the parents of three grown children, Cody, Casey and Emily.

"I am thrilled to have been appointed as the Director of the Museum of Western Art in Kerrville. The museum's reputation, its dedicated board, wonderful staff, outstanding volunteers and world-class collections were all part of my decision to accept the challenge. My wife and I look forward to becoming an integral part of the Kerr County community."

Missy Hoelscher, Chairman of the Board, stated, "Dr. Beauchamp brings with him a stellar background in western art and museum management and we very much look forward to having him at the helm of The Museum of Western Art."

Dr. Beauchamp will begin work on the first of April.

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