Adam Levine named executive director and CEO of Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

TOLEDO, Ohio – The Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) Deputy Director Dr. Adam Levine has been named the George W. and Kathleen I. Gibbs director and chief executive officer of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens located in Jacksonville, Florida. He will start full-time in January 2019. The Cummer Museum houses fine art collections and beautiful historic riverfront gardens, with its art collection ranging from 2100 B.C. through the 21st century.

“I am extremely thankful for the opportunity the Toledo Museum of Art has provided to curate some wonderful exhibitions and grow as a leader during the past five years,” said Levine. “The experiences I have had at TMA, and the people I have been able to work with at the Museum and throughout the Toledo area have prepared me for this exciting opportunity.”

Levine’s responsibilities included supporting TMA’s current master plan and managing the Museum’s wide-ranging visual literacy outreach, including the creation of the Center of Visual Expertise (COVE), an innovative visual literacy training program for workplace safety which has become a revenue source for TMA. He helped lead the development of the Museum’s current strategic plan, including a more rigorous annual planning structure and evaluation process.

Prior to being named deputy director, Levine served as TMA associate director and curator of ancient art. As associate director, Levine was responsible for the management of the Communications, Education and Engagement, Collections, and Systems departments.

"Adam has had a significant and wide-ranging impact on the Toledo Museum of Art while at the same time developing as an impressive leader," said Dr. Brian Kennedy, the Museum's Edward Drummond and Florence Scott Libbey director. "His presence will indeed be missed but we look forward to the no doubt significant impact he will have at the Cummer Museum and in the entire Jacksonville community.”
His wide-ranging curatorial duties at TMA included overseeing or curating several ancient art exhibitions including *The Berlin Painter and His World, Glorious Splendor: Treasures of Early Christian Art* and *The Mummies: From Egypt to Toledo*, along with *InSight: Contemporary Sensory Works* and *I Approve This Message: Decoding Political Ads*. Levine also helped the Museum secure major acquisitions of ancient art and noteworthy loans of ancient art such as *Bronze Portrait of a Young Boy* – an ancient Roman bust from the Metropolitan Museum of Art – and a marble replica of the ancient Roman sculpture *Laocoön and His Sons*.

During his tenure, Levine oversaw the role of government relations along with the expansion of the Museum campus with the purchase of the Museum Place Residences in 2016.

“We are extremely excited for the opportunity that Adam has before him,” said Cynthia B. Thompson, chair of the TMA Board. “We know his dynamic and engaging leadership style, that made him so successful during his time here, will serve him well as he moves to Jacksonville to lead the Cummer Museum.”

Besides deputy director and associate director, Levine held the positions of assistant director, head of visitor engagement and Mellon fellow at TMA. Before his arrival in 2013, Levine was a collections management assistant in the Greek and Roman art department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. He speaks and publishes widely on topics ranging from ancient art to interpretive strategies, museology and management practices.

Levine will depart the Toledo Museum of Art in early December 2018. A search for his replacement will commence very soon.

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The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. For general information, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit [toledomuseum.org](http://toledomuseum.org).