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**Bechtler Museum of Modern Art Announces New Leadership Positions**  
- *Anastasia James Appointed as Museum Curator and Bruce LaRowe To Serve As Interim CEO* -

**(Charlotte, N.C.)** – The Board of Directors for the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art announced two leadership positions with the appointment of Anastasia James as curator, and Bruce LaRowe as interim CEO. Both positions begin Monday, December 16th.

Anastasia James, who will serve as the museum’s new curator, comes to the Bechtler from the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art in California and brings with her a decade of experience in museums and academic settings. James has curated and managed exhibitions featuring a diverse range of emerging, established, and international artists for institutions and galleries such as The Dorsky Museum at SUNY New Paltz, The Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco, The Queens Museum, The Andy Warhol Museum, INVISIBLE-EXPORTS, and Milk Gallery.

In October, the Bechtler announced that the museum’s founding director, John Boyer, would shift to a president emeritus position in 2020 as part of a succession plan for an incoming president and CEO. At Boyer’s personal request, the board accepted his resignation earlier this week.

An executive search for a new president and CEO, led by Russell Reynolds Associates, has been underway since October. Bruce LaRowe will serve as interim CEO until a successor is named, which the board hopes to be by second quarter 2020.

LaRowe’s career has been dedicated to the non-profit sector, working extensively in the education and cultural sectors. Currently part of Charlotte’s LevRidge Resources, which specializes in interim leadership for nonprofits, LaRowe served previously for 20 years as Executive Director of Children’s Theatre of Charlotte, as well as the interim director of the Mint Museum. He holds a Master of Arts in Community Arts Management from the University of Illinois, chaired the Board of Arts North Carolina and has been a guest lecturer for the NC Center for Nonprofits.

“We are grateful for John’s decade of leadership and legacy. And it is such an exciting time for the Bechtler as we look ahead to 2020,” said Ted Garner, chairman of the board of directors. “There is a great energy among the talented team at the Bechtler, and a genuine excitement with new leadership joining the museum. LaRowe will execute current strategies while we ready for our 10-year anniversary and prepare for the arrival of a new CEO in 2020.”

[About the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art](#)

The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art is dedicated to the exhibition of mid-20<sup>th</sup>-century modern art. It is named after the family of Andreas Bechtler who assembled and inherited a collection created by seminal figures in modernism. The museum is located at Levine Center for the Arts, 420 South Tryon Street, Charlotte. Operating hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. For museum details visit [bechtler.org](http://bechtler.org).