



## MassArt Announces the Inauguration of 12<sup>th</sup> President Dr. David P. Nelson and Inaugural Events October 5-20, 2017

Boston, MA – September 27, 2017 - Massachusetts College of Art and Design announces the inauguration of the College's 12<sup>th</sup> President, Dr. David P. Nelson. The ceremony will take place in the Design and Media Center at MassArt on Friday, October 20 at 2pm. The College has scheduled a series of community events in lead up to the inauguration to celebrate the legacy and future of MassArt.

### **\*\*\*PHOTO OPP\*\*\* Friday, Oct 20, 2-3pm**

#### **Inauguration Ceremony**

**Location: Design and Media Center Atrium**

**Closed to the public, standing room only, media RSVP requested**

### **Schedule of Inaugural Events October 5-20:**

#### **Oct 5, 2017 – Apr 30, 2018 – *Upstarts & Innovators: MassArt Alumni Profiles***

This exhibition installed on the Tower building facade showcases some of MassArt's most influential alumni: Brian Collins '82, Arne Glimcher '60, Jill Martinelli '06 and Sabine Le Guyader '05 (founders of Lady Grey Jewelry), Rashid Rana M'94, Erin Robertson '16, Kelly Wearstler '94, and William Wegman '65.

#### **Oct 5, 6pm – MassArt's Presidents: The Legacy**

Mary Ann Stankiewicz, Professor of Art Education at Penn State University, discusses her book *Developing Visual Arts Education in the United States: Massachusetts Normal School and the Normalization of Creativity* about MassArt's early history, with past MassArt presidents William O'Neill, Kay Sloan and current president David P. Nelson. Free and open to the public.

#### **Oct 9 – Opening Our Doors**

MassArt joins this annual Fenway Alliance event, which invites the public to explore the neighborhood's cultural offerings. Free and open to the public.

#### **Oct 12, 6pm – Then, Now, Tomorrow: Change and Racial Equity on Campus and Beyond**

For the College's signature Adderley Lecture Series, MassArt welcomes guest speakers Kylie Webster-Cazeau and Meggie Noel, "*Boston Globe* 2016 Bostonians of the Year" for a cross-generational discussion about activism. Free and open to the public.

#### **Oct 14, 11am-4pm – Family Day in the Bakalar & Paine Galleries**

Visitors of all ages are invited to drop in for interactive activities and art making, designed and guided by MassArt students, faculty and Gallery staff. Free and open to the public.

**Oct 17, 4-7pm - Open House/Open Galleries**

A campus-wide event designed to showcase the artistic excellence of MassArt. The public is invited to campus to view Gallery exhibitions, open studios, activities through the Center for Art and Community Partnerships (CACP), and alumni displays. Free and open to the public.

**Oct 20 – Inauguration Ceremony**

The culmination of the MassArt Inaugural Celebration, the inauguration of the 12<sup>th</sup> Presidency and the investiture of Dr. David P. Nelson as the 12<sup>th</sup> President of Massachusetts College of Art and Design. This event is not open to the public.

**Location**

MassArt, 621 Huntington Avenue (Avenue of the Arts), Boston  
Enter through the Design and Media Center

**Public Transportation**

MBTA Green Line E Train (Longwood Medical Area stop)  
Route 39 MBTA bus (Huntington Ave @ Longwood Ave stop)

For more information about President David P. Nelson and the inaugural events, visit [massart.edu/inauguration](http://massart.edu/inauguration). Follow the Inaugural Celebration on social media with #MassArtPrez.

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**About Massachusetts College of Art and Design**

Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt) is one of the top colleges of its kind in the United States. Founded in 1873, MassArt has a legacy of leadership as the only freestanding public college of art and design in the country and the nation's first art school to grant a degree. The College offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate degrees in art, design, and art education, all taught by world-class faculty. MassArt is also home to the Bakalar & Paine Galleries, the largest free contemporary art space in New England, professionally curated to enrich the academic curriculum and make contemporary art an accessible experience for all. Among MassArt's most accomplished alumni are designer Brian Collins, art dealer Arne Glimcher, Oscar-winning set designer Nancy Haigh, visual artist and composer Christian Marclay, 2016 *Project Runway* winner Erin Robertson, interior and lifestyle designer Kelly Wearstler, and photographer William Wegman. For more information, visit [massart.edu](http://massart.edu). Follow MassArt on social media: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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