



**di Rosa**

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## **di Rosa Announces Acting Executive Director**

Napa, CA (August 13, 2020) – di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art is pleased to announce the appointment of seasoned arts and cultural institution leader **Kate Eilertsen** as acting executive director, effective immediately.

According to Eilertsen, “di Rosa is a magical place with so much potential. Its rich history, stunning setting and significant collection make it stand out among the Bay Area’s cultural institutions. After getting to know the Board, Staff, Docents and Volunteers and seeing first-hand how committed they are to di Rosa’s success, I am honored to join the team.”

“We’ve had the chance to work with Kate in her curatorial role over the past several months, and we quickly discovered how much more she has to offer,” said Board co-chair Linda Fine. “We’re delighted to have someone with Kate’s broad skillset and depth of experience to guide the organization in these unprecedented times. We are confident that Kate’s steady leadership will help di Rosa successfully plan for a sustainable future.”



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Eilertsen has worked in the art world for many years as an arts advocate, curator, educator and museum director. She began her museum work at the Metropolitan Museum in New York, moved to Boston where she opened a new museum for the Harvard University Art Museums and then to San Francisco where she was the Director of Intersection for the Arts, Museum of Craft and Folk Art, Acting Director of Visual Arts for Yerba Buena Center for the Arts and Executive Director for the Sonoma Valley Museum of Art. She has taught at the California College of Arts, San Francisco Art Institute and Sonoma State University. She is currently a guest curator and art consultant in the Bay Area.

Eilertsen came to di Rosa under a consulting contract to be di Rosa’s Director of Curatorial Affairs, in spring 2020. She is curating the organization’s first major exhibition slated to open after the temporary closure in 2021, *The Incorrect Museum: Vignettes from the di Rosa Collection*. The exhibition will invite visitors to step into stories that illustrate the Bay Area’s distinctive artistic legacy and will showcase many beloved and seldom seen collection artworks.

## **ABOUT DI ROSA CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART**

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art presents contemporary exhibitions and educational programs for all ages and maintains a permanent collection of notable works by artists living or working in the San Francisco Bay Area from the mid-twentieth century to the present day. A wide range of styles, media and subject matter provides an overview of the creative energy and freedom to experiment that characterize this region of California. di Rosa features multiple galleries, a sculpture park and a 35 acre lake, all located on 217 scenic acres in Napa Valley's famed Carneros region that are protected in perpetuity under the Napa County Land Trust.

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art is located at 5200 Sonoma Highway, Napa. The campus is temporarily closed through the end of the year however, the organization continues to work closely with community partners to offer creative and educational resources, in addition to producing online at home content. For more information visit [www.dirosaart.org](http://www.dirosaart.org).

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