

Artis—Naples

Home of The Baker Museum
& Naples Philharmonic

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ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES GEVELYN MCCASKILL AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2026

Naples, FL (May 4, 2026) – Artis—Naples announced today the appointment of Gevelyn McCaskill as Chief Financial Officer beginning September 2026. McCaskill joins the team from the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) in Salem, Massachusetts, where she served as the Chief Financial Officer since 2024. Prior to this role, she held several leadership positions in PEM’s Finance department since 2016, including the museum’s Director of Financial Planning and Business Intelligence.

Following a national search by Artis—Naples, McCaskill was selected for her financial planning acumen, strategic investment experience and business intelligence insights. With a dedication to fiscal responsibility, McCaskill is a talented nonprofit executive with demonstrated success in leveraging organizational strengths to achieve shared goals.

“We are thrilled to announce Gevelyn’s appointment to the Artis—Naples senior leadership team,” said CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen. “Throughout her career, she has distinguished herself as a nonprofit leader who is deeply committed to departmental collaboration and the essential and inspiring role that the arts play in the vibrant communities we serve.”

“I am honored and excited to join Artis—Naples as Chief Financial Officer,” added McCaskill. “From my first visit, I was inspired by the institution’s energy, vision and strong sense of community. The combination of artistic excellence and deep community engagement makes Artis—Naples a truly special place, and I look forward to supporting its mission and continued growth in the years ahead.”

McCaskill earned her master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida and her bachelor’s in History from Duke University. She is a former enrolled agent of the U.S. Treasury Department and a current member of Financial Executives International and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Prior to her work at PEM, McCaskill served as Harvard Medical School’s Senior Financial Analyst, Brandeis University’s Associate Director of Finance and Administration and Harvard University’s Manager of Finance.

McCaskill will join Artis—Naples senior leadership in September 2026, succeeding Perre Edwards who has announced her retirement following 13 successful years as Chief Financial Officer and then Chief Financial and Investment Officer.

ARTIS—NAPLES

Artis—Naples, home of The Baker Museum and Naples Philharmonic, creates and presents world-class visual and performing arts. Through our multidisciplinary offerings, we inspire, educate and entertain to engage and enrich the growing and diversifying community.

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Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and Artistic and Music Director Alexander Shelley, Artis—Naples offers more than 800 visual and performing arts experiences annually across its 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus and throughout the community.

Artis—Naples welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The cultural campus is home to five buildings, including two performance halls (Frances Pew Hayes Hall and Myra J. Daniels Pavilion), The Baker Museum, the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building.

NAPLES PHILHARMONIC

The Naples Philharmonic has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Southwest Florida's arts community. As part of Artis—Naples, the Naples Philharmonic performs more than 140 orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as opera and ballet, education, community and special event concerts annually between September and June in the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall, the 283-seat Daniels Pavilion and around Southwest Florida. The Naples Philharmonic has enjoyed a history of working with world-class music directors. With the 2026-27 season, Alexander Shelley enters his third season as artistic and music director, following two successful years and an extended commitment through the end of the decade. Podium leadership also includes Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, celebrating 17 years in this role in the coming 2026-27 season and bringing pops performances that celebrate music across genres. Renowned violinist James Ehnes continues as artistic partner through the 2026-27 season, working with Naples Philharmonic musicians in a variety of settings with a focus on inspiring and embodying a high level of artistry.

THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is the foremost fine art museum in Southwest Florida, presenting an ambitious slate of exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 3,000 objects, the museum's broad holdings of 20th- and 21st-century art reflect particular strengths in modern art of the United States and Mexico. The Baker Museum's collection demonstrates the generosity and commitment of area collectors, including significant gifts from the collection of the late Olga Hirshhorn.

In 2025, The Baker Museum was accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national recognition for museums in the United States, affirming the museum's commitment to excellence, accountability and public service.

With more than two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the museum is committed to the stewardship and scholarship of its collections and to fostering inspiring and transformative experiences with the visual arts. At the same time, The Baker Museum partners with the world's leading arts institutions to make extraordinary exhibitions accessible to the Southwest Florida community—including the National Portrait Gallery, London and the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation. In 2020, Artis—Naples celebrated the renovation and expansion of The Baker Museum and adjoining Norris Garden, designed by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, which created new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration and social interaction.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

In addition to creating and presenting visual and performing arts, Artis—Naples provides robust education and community activities for students of all ages in Collier and Lee counties. Each season, thousands of Collier County Public School students interact with Artis—Naples education programming, both on our cultural campus and in their classrooms. Beyond our commitment to youth education, the Lifelong Learning program provides informative lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, comprised of more than 3,500 donor households, offers activities, travel experiences and events designed to foster a deeper relationship between patrons and the arts.

In 2017, Artis—Naples acquired the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), expanding its film offerings and providing a platform for the festival’s continued excellence and growth. In 2023, the festival’s 15th anniversary year, NIFF was named one of *MovieMaker* Magazine’s “20 Great Film Festivals in Vacation Destinations.”

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