



CYNTHIA-REEVES

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Melissa G. Post joins team of
FERRIN CONTEMPORARY and CYNTHIA-REEVES
as director

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. -- Melissa G. Post will be joining the team of FERRIN CONTEMPORARY and CYNTHIA-REEVES at their shared gallery space on the campus of MASS MoCA in North Adams at 1315 MASS MoCA Way. As director, Post will be managing the galleries and expanding their presence through education, public relations, sales, and marketing in the galleries.

Before joining FERRIN CONTEMPORARY and CYNTHIA-REEVES, Post managed galleries in Aspen and New York City and served as curator at the Mint Museum of Craft + Design in Charlotte, North Carolina and the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, Washington. During her museum tenure, professional collaborations with artists, collectors, gallerists, and museum colleagues yielded noteworthy acquisitions, significant funding, compelling exhibitions and programming, comprehensive scholarly publications, and a world-class Visiting Artist Residency Program. She curated exhibitions ranging from rare glimpses into the lives of private collectors and their collections in the Point of View series to extensive collections-based surveys, such as Coming of Age, and innovative artist exhibitions, including: Glimmering Gone: Ingaleena Klenell and Beth Lipman; Preston Singletary: Echoes, Fire, and Shadows (the artist's nationally touring mid-career survey); Fertile Ground: Masterworks from the Visiting Artist Residency Program; White Light: Glass Compositions by Daniel Clayman; and Constructing Elozua, A Retrospective, 1973-2003.

As manager of the Visiting Artist Residency Program at the Museum of Glass, Post invited a cadre of internationally renowned contemporary artists to explore the medium of glass and challenge our

notions of its potential through experimentation and innovation. More recently, she has pursued independent projects, writing, consulting with artists, and jurying exhibitions.

"We are thrilled to have Melissa on our team," said Leslie Ferrin, a long time friend and colleague of Post. "After many years of working together in various professional positions nationally, we both stand to benefit from the opportunities offered us by having her as the director of our gallery program based on the campus of MASS MoCA and imbedded in the dynamic contemporary art community of Western Massachusetts."

"As the Berkshire art community continues to grow along with MASS MoCA's final expansion phase, CYNTHIA-REEVES and FERRIN CONTEMPORARY are thrilled to welcome Melissa to their North Adams team. As director, we are confident that Melissa will continue to bolster our New England presence and will be a wonderful point of contact at the gallery for the community at large," Cynthia Reeves said.

"We are excited to have IAP (Independent Art Projects) where they'll join our vibrant and symbiotic community of Northern Berkshire artists, makers, and professionals working together to revitalize North Adams. All of our tenants play a vital role in supporting the museum's mission and all rental income directly supports our operations and facilities," said Larry Smallwood, Deputy Director and COO of MASS MoCA.

"Working with Leslie Ferrin and Cynthia Reeves is a natural extension of my collaborative experiences with artists, collectors, gallerists, and museums," Post said. "My father grew up in Springfield and I have spent time in the Berkshires throughout my entire life. I'm excited to be joining the flourishing arts community here and look forward to partnering with local businesses and institutions on upcoming projects."

A curator, writer, lecturer, and juror, Post holds a Master's degree from the Bard Graduate Center: Decorative Arts, Design History, Material Culture in New York City and Bachelor's degrees in International Studies and French from Miami University in Ohio.

ABOUT FERRIN CONTEMPORARY

FERRIN CONTEMPORARY specializes in ceramic art circa 1950 to the present. For more than 30 years, private collectors and public institutions, as well as the media, have made it their preferred source for information about and artwork by established and emerging artists whose primary medium is clay. Based in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts, FERRIN CONTEMPORARY

exhibits curated projects and solo shows in their year-round gallery space located on the campus of MASS MoCA in North Adams at Independent Art Projects and through innovative partnerships with leading museums and galleries throughout the US and abroad. Leslie Ferrin, director of FERRIN CONTEMPORARY, is a noted gallerist, curator, author, and speaker.

ABOUT CYNTHIA-REEVES

CYNTHIA-REEVES represents an international roster of emerging and mid-career artists who share a process-apparent sensibility in their art. They are committed to artwork that demonstrates an authentic voice, an innovative use of materials, and an appreciation of the mark in diverse media: site-based installation, video, sculpture, painting, and works on paper. A subtext to the gallery's program is artwork that provokes a discourse around the convergence of art and science, as well as our relationship to the natural world. CYNTHIA-REEVES Projects is a forum for off-site and collaborative projects done in concert with partner galleries and non-profit organizations, including The Hudson River Park Trust, the Union Square Association, Independent Art Projects, and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

ABOUT INDEPENDENT ART PROJECTS

FERRIN CONTEMPORARY and CYNTHIA-REEVES make the space available to Independent Art Projects for curated exhibitions. These innovative projects draw from a broad range of artists and galleries, and further support the mission of this collaborative artspace.

Presenting projects curated by founding partners Leslie Ferrin and Cynthia Reeves as well as forthcoming exhibitions curated by director Melissa G. Post at IAP, this gallery is a vital addition to what curator Peter Dudek calls a "cultural corridor" that is growing from Beacon, NY, to Bennington, Vt.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please click on the following links to learn more:

FERRIN CONTEMPORARY	www.ferrincontemporary.com
CYNTHIA-REEVES	www.cynthia-reeves.com
Independent Art Projects	www.independentartprojects.com
MASS MoCA	www.massmoca.org

FERRIN CONTEMPORARY and CYNTHIA-REEVES is located at 1315 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams. May and June gallery hours are Wednesday–Sunday, 11 am–5 pm. Open daily in July and August 11 am–5pm.

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