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**Peale Announces Leadership Transition and Search for Executive Director**

**June 11, 2024:** The Board of Directors at The Peale, Baltimore’s Community Museum, announced today that they are launching a search to find a new Executive Director for the organization. The Peale’s founding director and chief strategy officer, Nancy Proctor, Ph.D., is planning to step down once a successor is hired. She will be working with the Board, the staff, and the community to find the right candidate for the job and to help with the transition.

Nancy joined The Peale in 2017 as its (re)founder director, spearheading its capital campaign and a massive renovation of the 210-year-old museum. Under Nancy’s leadership, The Peale reopened in 2022 as Baltimore’s Community Museum, which now includes community exhibition and programming space, a Lab for innovating museum practice, and an apprenticeship program.

F. William Chickering, Peale Board President, reflected that “Dr. Proctor’s enthusiasm, passion, commitment, and collaborative spirit has led to the completion of a multi-million-dollar rehabilitation of the historic building and the implementation of an innovative mission to give new life to the old structure. Drawing on the Peale Museum’s storied past, Nancy has positioned The Peale to attract diverse and stimulating programming created by Baltimore’s communities. She has challenged all involved to live up to values of accessibility and inclusion.”

“The Peale has provided the most inspiring and rewarding challenges of my career, and the transformative opportunity to collaborate with Baltimore’s incredibly talented community of creators and culture keepers,” said Proctor. “I am grateful for the chance to work with such a visionary staff and board over the past 7 ½ years and proud of all we have accomplished with our partners from across the city and beyond. I know that under their stewardship The Peale will continue to go from strength to strength, and I’m excited to see what ground-breaking new directions it charts in its next chapter.”

A position description will be posted on [The Peale’s website](#) later this month, with applications expected to close at the end of September 2024. In the meanwhile, expressions of interest are invited; please contact the head of the search committee, Peale Board member, Tom Livingston: [Tom@LivingstonAssociates.net](mailto:Tom@LivingstonAssociates.net) 703-798-1199

**About The Peale:**

Based in the oldest museum building in the U.S., The Peale is Baltimore's Community Museum. It provides an accessible platform for artistic, scientific, and cultural projects where collaborators can take creative risks, connect with communities in Baltimore and beyond, and share their stories both in the historic Peale Museum building and online. [ThePeale.org](http://ThePeale.org)

### **Vision**

The Peale will advance the role of museums in their communities as inspiring places where creators of all kinds are valued and contribute to an inclusive cultural record.