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**MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM NAMES NEW TRUSTEE**

**Montclair Resident Ruth Perretti Joins Board**

MONTCLAIR, NJ, August 31, 2010 — At its June 16 meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Montclair Art Museum (MAM) named Ruth Perretti as a new trustee. Her term began July 1.

Ruth Perretti is Senior Vice President at Ralph Lauren in charge of Women's Blue Label and RRL design. She previously established R Perretti LLC, a brand positioning and design agency with such clients as Spike Lee, Paul Newman for Newman's Own, and Ralph Lauren. Prior to that she was at Polo Ralph Lauren as Men's Design and Creative Director. Perretti received a B.A. in Fine Arts from American University in Washington D.C., and is a graduate of Montclair Kimberly Academy. She is a member of the National Arts Club, located on Gramercy Park, and is co-owner of Ruthie's BBQ on Chestnut Street in Montclair with her partner Eric Kaplan. As a native of Montclair, she has had a long association with the Montclair Art Museum, where she started her first art classes as well as held her first job, in the Museum Store. Her parents Ruth and Peter were also trustees. Perretti maintains residences in Montclair and Manhattan.

**About the Museum**

The Montclair Art Museum, a notable, community-based institution with an international reputation, boasts a renowned collection of American and Native American art that uniquely highlights art making in the United States over the last three hundred years. The collection includes more than 12,000 objects: paintings, prints, original works on paper, photographs, and sculpture by American artists from the 18th century to the present, as well as traditional and  
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contemporary Native American art and artifacts representing the cultural developments of peoples from all of the major American Indian regions. MAM's Yard School of Art is the leading regional art school, offering a multitude of comprehensive courses for children, youth, adults, seniors, and professional artists.

The Montclair Art Museum is located at 3 South Mountain Avenue in Montclair, N.J. Information and directions are available on the Museum website, [montclairartmuseum.org](http://montclairartmuseum.org), or by calling 973-746-5555. MAM is open Wednesdays through Sundays, Noon – 5 p.m., and closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, and major holidays. Museum admission is \$12 for nonmember adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with I.D., and free for members and children under 12.

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