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## Mercer Union Staffing Announcements

Earlier this year we announced the departure of Director & Curator Julia Paoli, under whose leadership the gallery has enjoyed five and a half years of growth and transformation.

Today, the Board of Directors at Mercer Union is thrilled to announce the appointment of Aamna Muzaffar to the role of Interim Director & Curator as the gallery conducts a search for new executive leadership. Aamna currently serves as Assistant Curator, and is well positioned to provide continuity to Mercer Union's vision and programming. She first joined the organization in 2019, and has been instrumental in shaping the development of the gallery's programs, and support for artists in realizing ambitious projects.

"We are delighted that Aamna has accepted to step in as Interim Director & Curator," said David Neligan, Chair of the Board of Directors. "With curatorial expertise and established relationships with artists, curators and peer organizations, Aamna is prepared to carry out Mercer Union's programming plans, and execute its strategic vision during this moment of transition."

The Board of Directors has also appointed Sonya Filman as Acting Manager, Gallery Operations and Development. Sonya first joined the organization in 2018, and currently serves as Audience Development Coordinator, a vital role in which she has supported the advancement of the gallery's programs through revenue growth and new grant initiatives. Throughout the transition, she will manage the organization's operations and fundraising efforts, working closely with the Board of Directors during their search for new leadership.

The organization is also thrilled to welcome Maxwell Galley to the role of Lead Exhibition Preparator, and Abby Kettner to the role of Audience Engagement Assistant. Their work will support the continued delivery of outstanding exhibitions at Mercer Union, while ensuring meaningful engagement with the organization's audiences and supporters.

Mercer Union remains in a strong position to continue realizing our mission with a dedication to commissioning and producing new works of contemporary art. None of our work would be possible without the support and engagement of our community who help advance our vision for the future. We look forward to sharing updates on our leadership recruitment process in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors