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**THE DEMUTH FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Abigail Baer to start on September 4, 2018**

Lancaster, PA – The Demuth Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Executive Director, Abigail Baer. Abby has eleven years of nonprofit experience and most recently worked at the American Visionary Art Museum (AVAM) in Baltimore as Development Coordinator. While at AVAM, she increased sponsorships and grants, organized fundraising events, developed public programs, managed the Development and Visitor Services departments, and facilitated community partnerships. Baer holds a M.A. in Arts Administration from Goucher College and a B.A. in Public Relations, with a minor in Art History, from York College. Originally from Columbia County, Pennsylvania, she currently lives in York with her family and is looking forward to joining the Lancaster arts community.

In 2014 the Demuth Museum and Lancaster Museum of Art merged to form one museum with one mission. While each location maintains its own unique identity - the Demuth Museum's focus on the life and legacy of Charles Demuth and the Lancaster Museum of Art's close relationship with the local visual arts community - the newly formed organization focuses on promoting the visual arts in the community through educational programs, membership, and collaborative exhibitions and events.

The Demuth Museum's permanent collection is now the largest in the world with 52 works of art as well as the largest repository of original archival material on the artist. The Lancaster Museum continues to make strides in the Lancaster arts community with its Annual Community Art Exhibitions, Destination Imagination summer camps, and adult art sessions.

In upcoming exhibitions, the rich collections of both museums will be celebrated. *Charles Demuth: Definitively Modern Part II* focuses on the museum's collection of original art by Charles Demuth and his place in the American modernist art scene both abroad and at home, while the Lancaster Museum of Art will have work by artists such as David Brumbach, Charles X. Carlson, Constantine Kermes, Luigi Rist, and many more on display drawn from its permanent collection.