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MEIJER GARDENS ANNOUNCES HIRING OF CURATOR OF SCULPTURE AND SCULPTURE EXHIBITIONS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., — July 15, 2019 — Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is honored to announce the hiring of Dr. Jochen Wierich as Curator of Sculpture and Sculpture Exhibitions.

Dr. Wierich comes to Meijer Gardens with extensive curatorial experience, having coordinated and directed exhibitions at Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art in Nashville, TN as well as the Mississippi Museum of Art and the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture in Spokane, WA. While at Cheekwood, Dr. Wierich organized and traveled the exhibition Jaume Plensa: Human Landscape (2015-2016), the largest exhibition of works by the Spanish artist in the United States to date.

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome Dr. Jochen Wierich as Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park's Curator of Sculpture and Sculpture Exhibitions," said David Hooker, President & CEO at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. "Jochen comes to us with significant experience and will help us further the unique mission of sculpture and horticulture given to us by Fred and Lena Meijer. Meijer Gardens has developed a leading method of displaying world class sculpture surrounded by beautiful horticulture. Jochen's experience and skill set will add value and new ideas to our collection and exhibition offerings."

By separate agreement, Dr. Wierich will hold the Lena E. S. Meijer Professorship in Art History at Aquinas College.


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About Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

One of the world's most significant botanic and sculpture experiences, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park served 696,000 visitors in 2018 and was recently listed in the top 30 most visited museums in the United States by The Art Newspaper, the leading publication in global art news. The 158-acre main campus features Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; one of the largest interactive children's gardens in the country; arid and Victorian gardens with bronze sculptures by Edgar Degas and Auguste Rodin; a carnivorous plant house; outdoor gardens;