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Embracing Our Differences Names Sheila D. McKoy as its Exhibition Director

The public art consultant brings years of working with businesses and public and private partnerships to select artists to create artwork in buildings and outdoor spaces.

(July 11, 2022) Embracing Our Differences recently named Sheila D. McKoy as its exhibition director. As an employee of the New Jersey Transit system for nearly 30 years, McKoy, a public art and creative placemaking expert and consultant, coordinated more than 150 public arts projects at transit facilities throughout the transportation system. During her tenure there, she managed the selection of artists from around the nation and oversaw contract negotiations with contractors and artists alike. McKoy also served as coordinator between communities, consultants, architects, and engineers to smoothly guide the process of integrating the artworks.

In her new role, McKoy will oversee the planning, staging and management of Embracing Our Differences' annual exhibit.

“This is a new position for EOD,” says Sarah Wertheimer, executive director. “As our exhibitions and programs grew, we realized we needed someone who was dedicated to this initiative alone. Sheila is the perfect fit for this job. She’s spent years working in this field and was a member of our art selection committee for three years, serving as chair of

the committee last year. We are honored she accepted this role and look forward to working with her over the next many years.”

McKoy participates regularly in panel discussions on public art at events and venues around the nation, including Audible, Pratt Institute, New Jersey State Council on the Arts, creative place-making conferences, and at museums and galleries. She is a board member of the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County. McKoy holds a BA and an MBA in business management.

For more information about Embracing Our Differences, please call 941-404-5710 or visit www.embracingourdifferences.org.

About Embracing Our Differences

Embracing Our Differences is a not-for-profit organization that uses the transformational power of art and education to celebrate and promote the diversity of the human family. It accomplishes this through an annual, large-scale outdoor juried art exhibition and a comprehensive series of educational initiatives, programs and resources designed for teachers and students. **Visit www.embracingourdifferences.org.**