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BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTS PATRICK SHAVLOSKE AS NEW CEO

Fort Lauderdale, FL, December 15, 2016...The Board of Directors of Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is pleased to announce that it has selected Patrick Shavloske as the historic house museum's new Chief Executive Officer. Patrick will be filling the role held by current CEO, Karen Beard after her retirement on December 31, 2016. Patrick currently serves as Bonnet House's Director of Development and Legal Counsel. He began his career at Bonnet House in 2005 and has nearly twenty years of arts management and fundraising experience.

Patrick made the following statement: "I am honored and humbled by the confidence Bonnet House's Board of Directors has placed in me by entrusting me with the position of CEO. In the months to come, I will be working closely with the Board to complete a new institutional plan for the museum that works to preserve the historic estate and ensures that its long term capital needs are met. The current high- quality program of guided house tours, education programs, and concerts will continue seamlessly. I would also like to extend my sincerest thanks to Karen Beard for her recommendation of me for this position and wish her a happy retirement after nearly fifteen years of dedicated service to Bonnet House."

Patrick Shavloske is an Indiana native and holds an undergraduate degree in social science education and history from Indiana State University. He earned his law degree at Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis. Patrick is a member of the Planned Giving Council of Broward and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Beach Council Board of Directors. He is a Fort Lauderdale resident.

About the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens: Accredited by the American Alliance of Museum and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is a 35 - acre subtropical estate and historic house museum located in the heart of Fort Lauderdale. Bonnet House, in addition to being open for guided public tours six days per week, year round, offers a myriad of specially-designed programs for schools, adults and families. Bonnet House also has membership opportunities that include an annual pass to the estate and a program geared to local artists. Music students from nearby universities and opera companies gain experience through their performances on property in the annual Young Artist Music Series and orchid enthusiasts have an opportunity to see and buy an exclusive selection of orchids as well as learn how to grow and care for orchids in their own homes during the Bonnet House Orchid Festival, the first weekend in December of every year. The mission of Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is to steward the legacy of the Bartlett and Birch families by preserving their historic estate and providing programming that nurtures creative expression, delights the senses, educates, and honors the natural environment.