

Dear members and friends,

At the Rubin, 2017 has been a year of evolution, as we presented thought-provoking exhibitions and programs that invited visitors to reconsider how they interact with the world around them.

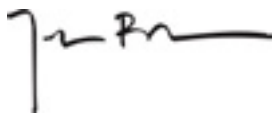
An important evolution is underway in the Rubin's leadership. You may have heard that Patrick Sears, who has led the Museum as the executive director for the past five years, is beginning his retirement. After serving the Museum as the director of exhibitions, collections, and research, I am humbled to step into Patrick's role and continue building the community of art, ideas, and curiosity here at the Rubin.

It is our mission to present art and ideas from the Himalayas, sparking new ways of thinking, and to build bridges to the world around us. I am excited to help find new ways for the Rubin to evolve while staying true to that core vision. In 2017 we delved into the nature of perception, and how it filters our experience of the world, through the stimulating talks in our Brainwave series and the immersive exhibition *The World Is Sound*. In 2018 we invite our visitors to share another thematic journey, as we explore ideas about time and the future, examining universal questions that humans have grappled with throughout the ages. It is not our aim to provide definite answers to these questions, but to shed light on them from many different points of view—from the timeless wisdom embodied in our world-class collection of Himalayan art, to insights from the worlds of science and philosophy, to the unique perspectives of the contemporary artists in our exhibitions.

We hope your next visit will renew your sense of curiosity and discovery. And we invite you to take full advantage of everything the Rubin has to offer—from talks with leading scientists and authors, to concerts and film screenings, to meditation sessions that provide a space for peaceful contemplation.

The Rubin's community is always growing, and I thank you for being part of it. We are grateful for the support of our members, supporters, and visitors, whose generosity helps to make the Rubin an oasis of mindfulness and discovery. I look forward to seeing you here in the year ahead.

Happy holidays to you and yours.



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Executive Director