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**The Demuth Museum and Lancaster Museum of Art
Announce They Will Merge**

Two locations to become one museum with one mission.

(LANCASTER, PA) September 23, 2014 – The Demuth Museum and Lancaster Museum of Art today announce a merger of the two locations to become one museum with one mission. While each location will maintain its own unique identity - the Demuth with its 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 will focus on strengthening their offerings through renewed educational offerings, creating synergies in exhibitions and maximizing efficiencies in staffing and resources.

The Demuth and Lancaster Museum of Art have worked for more than two years to ensure the success of the merger, which will enable both museums to focus on bringing a diverse array of visual arts to Lancaster. Immediate plans are underway to energize the museum's educational offerings and bring the love of learning and creation to a new generation of museum-goers as well as to create new programs, while preserving and revitalizing the beloved traditions of each location.

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"Both The Demuth and the Lancaster Museum of Art are historically important to the region and we are so excited about the future of both locations as we bring the organizations together," says Anne Lampe, current Executive Director of the Demuth who will lead the merger and direct operations of the joint organization. "We have an amazing opportunity to serve the community and inspire both artists and attendees with our exhibitions and programs."

Lancaster Mayor Rick Gray will announce the merger at an event today, September 23rd, at the Excelsior Building, at 5:30 pm.

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