

# Press Release

## The Brooklyn Museum Announces Four New Members Have Joined Its Growing Board of Trustees

### James S. Chanos, Rona Citrin, Neil P. Simpkins, and Colleen Tompkins

The Brooklyn Museum is pleased to announce that its Board of Trustees has elected four new members: James S. Chanos, founder of Kynikos Associates LP; collector and philanthropist Rona Citrin; Neil P. Simpkins, Senior Managing Director of Blackstone in the Private Equity Group; and public policy consultant and educator Colleen Tompkins.

“I’m thrilled to welcome these new members to our growing Board,” said Barbara Vogelstein, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. “They bring a wealth of varied experience and expertise that will further enhance and strengthen the position of the Brooklyn Museum at the forefront of the art world. The Museum is on an exciting trajectory and new board members such as these will help us advance our mission even faster.”

With the new members, the Museum’s Board has grown to 39 Trustees. Board members include leaders in the arts, business, entertainment, media, education, and technology.

---

#### James S. Chanos

Jim Chanos is the founder and Managing Partner of Kynikos Associates LP. As the world’s largest exclusive short-selling investment firm, Kynikos Associates LP provides investment management services for domestic and offshore clients. Through investment funds, partnerships, corporations, and managed accounts, the firm maintains private portfolios of securities for clients. Chanos opened Kynikos Associates LP in 1985 to implement investment strategies he had uncovered while beginning his Wall Street career as a financial analyst with Paine Webber, Gilford Securities, and Deutsche Bank. The media has noted his prescience in alerting finance ministers and others about the global financial crisis well before it occurred. His views on financial market fraud, capital markets regulation, and the Chinese financial system, among other topics, are regularly covered by news organizations worldwide.

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Chanos received his BA in economics and political science from Yale University. He lives in New York City and has four children. Chanos is

# Brooklyn Museum

currently a Lecturer in Finance at the Yale School of Management, teaching a class on the history of financial fraud. He serves as a Trustee at The New-York Historical Society and The National WWII Museum.

## **Rona Citrin**

Rona Citrin is a contemporary art collector, as well as a dedicated supporter of the arts and art education. Citrin had an accomplished career as a vice president of Citigroup in a variety of senior banking, finance, and consulting roles. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees for both the Aspen Art Museum and the Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass, Colorado. She also serves on the Advisory Council of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University. In addition, Citrin has participated in various advisory capacities for other not-for-profit organizations such as the Iris Cantor Women's Health Center at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, the President's Leadership Council at Dartmouth College, and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum's Photography Committee.

Citrin received her Bachelor of Science from Cornell University and her MBA from New York University. She and her husband, Jeff Citrin, have three adult children and reside in Aspen, Colorado; Greenwich, Connecticut; and New York City.

## **Neil P. Simpkins**

Neil P. Simpkins is a Senior Managing Director of Blackstone in the Private Equity Group. He is responsible for investments in the health-care services and industrial sectors. Since joining Blackstone in 1998, Simpkins has led the acquisitions of TRW Automotive, Vanguard Health Systems, TeamHealth, Apria Healthcare Group, Summit Materials, Gates Corporation, and Change Healthcare.

Simpkins graduated with honors from Oxford University and received his MBA from Harvard Business School. Before joining Blackstone, he was a Principal at Bain Capital, where he was involved in the execution of investments in the consumer products, industrial, health-care, and information industries. Prior to joining Bain Capital, Simpkins was a consultant at Bain & Company in the Asia Pacific region and in London.

Simpkins currently serves as a Director of Gates Corporation, Apria Healthcare Group, Summit Materials, Change Healthcare, and TeamHealth. He is also Chairman of Americans for Oxford, Inc., Oxford University's primary charitable organization in North America.

## **Colleen Tompkins**

Colleen Tompkins consults with nonprofit education and social service organizations on public policy and legal matters. She serves on the Board of Directors for Blue Engine, the Dodge YMCA, and Grace Church School in Brooklyn Heights.

Prior to working with nonprofit organizations, Tompkins practiced law as an Assistant District Attorney for New York County with a focus on domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. She also taught fourth grade in the Bay Area and in Compton through Teach for America. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in history from the University of California, Berkeley, and holds a JD from Georgetown Law Center and an MPP from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.