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EMMA CRIMMINGS APPOINTED DIRECTOR AT GERTRUDE CONTEMPORARY

Gertrude Contemporary is pleased to announce the appointment of Emma Crimmings to the role of Director.

Emma brings to the role strong creative, business and leadership skills, having worked as a filmmaker, a Producer for ABC TV Arts, a curator at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image and the Australian Centre for Photography, and most recently as Acting Director and Program Manager of Cultural Affairs at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC.

Gertrude Contemporary Chair of the Board, Mandy Fox, says "We are delighted to welcome Emma Crimmings to the role of Director. From her formative academic speciality in art history and criticism, to acclaimed work as an independent filmmaker, Emma also brings to Gertrude Contemporary tremendous skills in curatorship and project management. We are very pleased to appoint a Director who combines creative vision with such strong management and fundraising experience."

Over three decades, Gertrude Contemporary has supported experimentation in the production and presentation of contemporary art through a unique combination of exhibition and studio programs, alongside innovative cultural exchange, professional development and public programs that acknowledge the increasingly multi-disciplinary nature of art practice.

With her breadth of experience across artistic disciplines, Emma is well placed to maintain the diversity and ambition of Gertrude Contemporary's programs, and to lead the organization through an exciting phase in its history.

Emma's dynamism and extensive national and international networks throughout the cultural sector will be an asset in working with the Board to galvanize the support of our current community and shore up the organization for a long and sustainable future.

"With a unique and rich history, Gertrude Contemporary plays a vital role within the Australian arts community. I am looking forward to building upon the organization's strengths, identifying new audiences and spearheading an exciting relocation plan" says Crimmings.

Emma will begin her role as Director at Gertrude Contemporary in mid-January 2014.

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