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MAYMONT FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW SENIOR CURATOR FOR MANSION

Richmond, VA - The Maymont Foundation is pleased to announce that David Voelkel has been selected as the new Senior Curator of Historical Collections at Maymont. He was chosen from a nationwide search of more than 60 candidates. He begins his position at Maymont on April 17.

Voelkel is a highly-qualified museum professional with 20 years of experience in museum and project management including physical care of collections, interpretation of historic sites, historical research and strategic planning. Most recently, he served as The Elise H. Wright Curator for General Collections at The Valentine in Richmond since August 2012, and he also has worked for The Jamestown Yorktown Foundation in Williamsburg, Ash Lawn-Highland in Charlottesville and the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

“David brings great vision, creativity and enthusiasm for the future of Maymont,” said Parke Richeson, Maymont Executive Director. “I’m confident that his energy and innovative ideas will delight and inspire even more guests to experience the popular and brilliantly restored Maymont Mansion, as well as our entire spectacular, historic 100 acres.”

“I’m excited to share the legacy of Maymont and the Dooleys with a new generation of visitors and to continue to inspire guests and longtime supporters,” Voelkel said. “Maymont provides the Richmond community and tourists from around the world with experiences rich in history, natural beauty and opportunities to engage with others. It will be exceptionally rewarding to work with the staff and board on its future and to share the many stories of Maymont Mansion in unique ways with new audiences.”

Voelkel holds a Master’s Degree in Museum Studies from University of Leicester in England and a Bachelor’s Degree in Historic Preservation from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He has been a resident of Richmond for 15 years.

Since 1975, Maymont has been maintained and operated by the nonprofit Maymont Foundation. The Foundation must raise nearly \$4 million each year – more than 80% of its operating budget – through donations to keep the estate open to the public. Maymont Foundation administrative offices are located at 1700 Hampton Street in Richmond, Virginia. For more information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

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