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The Autry Welcomes Susan Harlow as Its New Vice President of Development

Los Angeles, CA (July 1, 2015)—The Autry National Center of the American West is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Harlow to the Vice President of Development position. Reporting to the Autry’s President and CEO, Harlow is responsible for all aspects of the museum’s fundraising efforts, including foundation and government grants, corporate sponsorship, individual giving, and special events. Contributions support the Autry’s exhibitions, public events, award-winning educational programs, publications, conservation of the museum’s world-class collections, and other mission-aligned activities.

“We are delighted to welcome Susan Harlow as the new leader of our Development team,” said W. Richard West, Jr., the Autry’s President and CEO. “With her ‘can-do’ management style, collaborative nature, and impressive track record in fundraising, Susan will play an instrumental role in building support for critical initiatives that will carry the Autry into the future.”

The Autry’s programs serve more than 180,000 visitors annually, including nearly 50,000 Los Angeles-area schoolchildren. A wide range of changing exhibitions and more than 150 programs are presented each year, including lectures, theatre, film, music, family programs, and festivals. The Autry’s vast collection of more than 500,000 pieces of art and artifacts includes the Southwest Museum of the American Indian Collection, one of the largest and most significant of Native American materials in the nation. To ensure long-term preservation and access to its collections, the Autry is in the process of creating the Autry Resources Center, a new state-of-the-art research and collections care facility in Burbank, California. When completed, the Autry Resources Center will serve as a destination for students, scholars, tribal communities, and others to research the collections for publications, consultations, and inspiration.

“I am honored to become part of this extraordinary museum at this time of growth and opportunity,” said Harlow, who assumed her new position on June 15, 2015. “I look forward to working with the board of trustees, staff, and donors—and to enhancing the network of support—to advance the Autry’s mission to share the diverse stories of the American West for generations to come.”

Harlow comes to the Autry with nearly 30 years of fundraising experience, including senior-level positions at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, University of California-Riverside, Good Samaritan Hospital, and ProMedica Health Care System. Most recently, Harlow served as the Executive Vice President of Financial Development and Communications/Marketing at the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, where her team raised more than $20 million annually and achieved dramatic growth in foundation and
corporate support. Harlow holds an M.A. in Journalism from Indiana University and a B.S. in Journalism from Butler University.

About the Autry National Center of the American West

The Autry is a museum dedicated to exploring and sharing the stories, experiences, and perceptions of the diverse peoples of the American West, connecting the past to the present to inspire our shared future. The museum presents a wide range of exhibitions and public programs—including lectures, film, theatre, festivals, family events, and music—and performs scholarship, research, and educational outreach. The Autry’s collection of more than 500,000 pieces of art and artifacts includes the Southwest Museum of the American Indian Collection, one of the largest and most significant of Native American materials in the United States.

Hours

Museum and Autry Store:
Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Crossroads West Cafe:
Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The museum, store, and cafe are closed on Mondays. Visit TheAutry.org for more information.