

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**HIGH MUSEUM OF ART APPOINTS
CHARLES ABNEY NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN**

ATLANTA, June 2, 2015 – The High Museum of Art recently appointed Charles L. Abney III, the new chairman of its board of directors. Abney has served on the High's board for eight years, during which time he has served as chair elect, vice chair of the finance and operations committee, treasurer, and as a member of the nominating committee.

Abney succeeds board chairwoman Louise Sams, who has served in this capacity since 2011.

Abney is currently a director, portfolio manager and member of the Investment Policy Committee with ZWJ Investment Counsel. He joined ZWJ in 1993, having previously worked with an Atlanta investment counsel firm and the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. Abney is a CFA charterholder and a member of the CFA Institute. He is also a Chartered Investment Counselor.

In addition to serving on the High's board, Abney is an active volunteer for the High Museum Atlanta Wine Auction and currently serves on the governing board of The Woodruff Arts Center. He is a board member of Atlanta Celebrates Photography, a graduate of the 2004 Leadership Midtown program, and a member of the Midtown Alliance.

Abney earned a master's of business administration from Emory University's Goizueta Business School in 1993, and he attained a bachelor's degree in history from Davidson College in 1989. Abney lives in Ansley Park with his wife Kristie.

About the High Museum of Art

The High is the leading art museum in the southeastern United States. With more than 14,000 works of art in its permanent collection, the High Museum of Art has an extensive anthology of 19th- and 20th-century American and decorative art; significant holdings of European paintings; a growing collection of African American art; and burgeoning collections of modern and contemporary art, photography, folk art and African art. The High is also dedicated to supporting and collecting works by Southern artists. For more information about the High, visit high.org.

About The Woodruff Arts Center

The Woodruff Arts Center is one of the largest arts centers in the world, home to the Alliance Theatre, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the High Museum of Art. Each year, these arts organizations play host to over 1.2 million patrons at The Woodruff Arts Center's midtown Atlanta location, one of the only arts centers in the United States to host both visual and performing arts on a single campus. Through its work with educators and schools, The Woodruff Arts Center serves over 300,000 students annually and is the largest arts educator in Georgia.

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