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NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The role of the School of Visual Arts Board of Directors is to oversee initiatives recommended by the president and the executive vice president of the College. Board members are selected based on a variety of factors, but above all, they must have a strong belief in the importance of art education. The newest members of the board are profiled below.

Janet Knox is a banker with the Bank of New York who specializes in wealth management and has worked extensively with Fortune 500 companies. Prior to joining the board Knox worked with the College in her capacity as a financier. She brings to the board a solid background in financial management, deep familiarity with the institution and insights into the art world. She received an MBA, with a specialty in international finance, from Adelphi University. She is a board member for the Irish Repertory Theater and is involved with Concern Worldwide, a relief organization committed to working with the poorest of the poor in developing countries.

Joseph Patterson is a real estate and financial services consultant, specializing in institutional real estate investments, tenant improvement financing, and health and life insurance products. He believes the most valuable thing an institution of higher education can do is to connect learning with passion,

and ensure that students do not merely go through the motions of attaining a degree. Patterson grew up in poverty and found his way out of the slums through education. Art became very important to him during his formative years and he developed into a talented illustrator. However, he was compelled to move on to a more practical course of study and ended up getting an MBA at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. He says that if he had been aware of SVA at that time, he would have tried to further develop his artistic talents. As a board member, he hopes to make SVA more of a force in the minority community.

Walter Rivera is an attorney concentrating in civil litigation. He is a partner in the firm of Rivera Hunter Colon & Dobshinsky, LLP. He is committed to using his profession in the service of human rights and progressive social causes. Rivera has brought to the board a strong belief in the power of diversity to enrich the educational experience. His role on the board has been in part as an advocate for a more diverse faculty and for inclusive programs, such as those which provide gifted art students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to attend SVA. Rivera benefited from just such a program, A Better Chance, which allowed him to attend Governor Dummer Academy in Massachusetts, after which he went on to Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



Board of Directors with 2002 commencement speaker, Ronan Tynan.
Seated (l-r): Eileen Hedy Schultz, Silas H. Rhodes, Ronan Tynan.
Standing (l-r): Walter Rivera, Joseph F. Patterson, Janet A. Knox,
David Rhodes, Anthony P. Rhodes.
Board member not pictured: Milton Glaser.
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