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Hammer Museum Appoints Miky Lee to Board of Directors



Vinny Dotolo Joins Board of Advisors

L-R: Miky Lee and Vinny Dotolo

(Los Angeles, CA)— The Hammer Museum at UCLA announced today the appointment of **Miky Lee** to its Board of Directors. Lee is the vice chairwoman of CJ ENM, South Korea's foremost film and TV studio, cable operator, and music producer, as well as the executive producer of the Academy Award-winning film *Parasite* and is an avid supporter of the arts and cultural organizations.

Additionally, **Vinny Dotolo** has joined the museum's Board of Advisors. Dotolo is the award-winning chef and owner of renowned Los Angeles restaurants animal, Son of a Gun, and Jon & Vinny's, and is an active philanthropist and art collector.

The Board of Directors is the museum's governing body; the addition of Lee brings the number of board members to 23. The Board of Advisors, consisting of 32 members, supports the museum's program and the Hammer Contemporary Collection.

"I am thrilled to welcome Miky Lee to our Board of Directors. Her passion, wisdom, generosity and knowledge will be an invaluable boon to the museum," said Hammer Museum Director **Ann Philbin**. "Likewise, I am immensely pleased to have Vinny Dotolo on the Hammer's Board of Advisors. Vinny brings singular insight into life in L.A. and a deep curiosity and knowledge of contemporary emerging artists."

Miky Lee

Miky Lee is vice chairwoman of South Korea's CJ Group and is responsible for the overall strategic direction and management of the group's entertainment and media subsidiary, CJ ENM. Born in Knoxville, Tennessee as a grandchild of Lee Byung-Chul (the founder of CJ and the Samsung Group), she earned her B.A degree at Seoul National University and received her M.A in Asian Studies from Harvard. In 1994, Miky founded the entertainment and media division of CJ and invested in DreamWorks SKG as one of the early investors. Since then, Miky has continued to strengthen CJ's presence by leading the global phenomenon of the Korean wave. She was on the *Forbes Asia* list of Asia's 50 Power Businesswomen in 2012 and 2014. In 2017, Miky was named one of the founding Leadership Champions of the World Bank affiliated Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi) and *The Hollywood Reporter*'s "International Producer of the Year 2020" for her work as the executive producer on the 2019 Best Picture Oscar winner, *Parasite*. In addition to serving on the Hammer board, Miky has been serving as a Board Member for the Berklee College of Music in Boston since 2016 and as vice chair of the board of trustees of the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures. In 2021, Miky also joined the Otis College Board of Governors to raise awareness of the college to the general public.

Vinny Dotolo

Vinny is a Los Angeles chef and restauranteur. He is the chef and owner of animal, Son of a Gun, Jon & Vinny's, helen's wines, Cookbook Market and Carmelized Productions. Dotolo has been accredited with several awards including Food & Wine's Best New Chef (2009) and James Beard in 2016 for "Best Chef West" for animal. He is an art collector and an active supporter in many charities including No Kid Hungry, Alex's Lemonade and Baby2Baby.

ABOUT THE HAMMER MUSEUM

The Hammer Museum is part of the School of the Arts and Architecture at UCLA, and offers exhibitions and collections that span classic to contemporary art. It holds more than 50,000 works in its collection, including one of the finest collections of works on paper in the nation, the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts. Through a wide-ranging, international exhibition program and the biennial, Made in L.A., the Hammer highlights contemporary art since the 1960s, especially the work of emerging and under recognized artists. The exhibitions, permanent collections, and nearly 300 public programs annually—including film screenings, lectures, symposia, readings, music performances, and workshops for families—are all free to the public.

HAMMER MUSEUM INFORMATION

Admission to all exhibitions and programs at the Hammer Museum is free. Tuesday-Sunday: 11am to 6pm. Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Boulevard at Westwood, Los Angeles. Onsite parking \$7 (maximum 3 hours) or \$7 flat rate after 6 p.m. Visit hammer.ucla.edu for details or call 310-443-7000.