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## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITION OF TWO NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TWO NEW BOARD INTERNS

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. April 9, 2024** – After a thoughtful and rigorous selection process, Brian Sexton and Keri Floyd Kelly have been elected to join the NMAAM Board of Directors for a three-year term commencing March 8, 2024. Additionally, the museum is excited to welcome Joseph Page and Jacolby Robinson as new board interns, with their tenure beginning on March 3, 2024, and lasting for one year.

Executive Director, Dion Brown, expressed his enthusiasm about the new additions, stating, "We are delighted to welcome our new board members and board interns to the National Museum of African American Music family. Their diverse backgrounds and wealth of expertise will undoubtedly enrich our organization and help us continue advancing our mission."

Brian Sexton brings a wealth of experience in community development and as the Metro Council Liaison for Mayor O'Connell. He is known for his solutions-focused approach to enhancing collaboration between the mayor's office and council members. Brian's notable achievements include founding Creatives Day and co-creating the Music Business Accelerator at Tennessee State University. His dedication to improving education, workforce development, and affordable housing aligns with NMAAM's vision.

Keri Floyd Kelly is the Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for Nissan Americas. She brings a broad scope of experience from finance to human resources and is recognized for her commitment to fostering inclusive work environments. Her strategic approach to DEI makes her an invaluable asset to the NMAAM board.

Joseph Page, Special Projects Manager for the Sycamore Institute, has an impressive background in political organizing and policy research. His experience in coordinating programs and his passion for community development will be beneficial as a board intern.

Jacolby Robinson, an Assistant Vice President and Financial Center Manager at Fifth Third Bank, excels in leading teams to provide top-notch financial services. Her commitment to financial literacy and empowerment will contribute to NMAAM's mission during her term as a board intern.

The National Museum of African American Music is committed to educating the world, preserving the legacy, and celebrating the central role African Americans play in creating the American soundtrack. With the addition of these new board members and interns, NMAAM is poised to further its vision and mission.

## ABOUT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC

The National Museum of African American Music (NMAAM), located in Nashville, Tennessee is the only museum of its kind dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history of Black music in America. The museum's expertly-curated collections share the story of the American soundtrack by integrating history and interactive technology to bring the musical heroes of the past into the present. The museum's mission is to educate the world, preserve the legacy, and celebrate the central role African Americans play in creating the American soundtrack.

For more information, please visit <a href="www.nmaam.org">www.nmaam.org</a> or contact us at <a href="mainto:info@nmaam.org">info@nmaam.org</a>. NMAAM is located at 510 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

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