

Wisconsin Arts Board: Gov. Evers appoints Rafael Francisco Salas to Wisconsin Arts Board

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Governor Tony Evers has appointed Rafael Francisco Salas to the Wisconsin Arts Board, the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout Wisconsin. Mr. Salas succeeds retiring board member Robert Wagner of Mequon.

Mr. Salas is a Wisconsin based artist, and Professor of Art and Chair of the Department of Art and Art History at Ripon College in Ripon, WI. His work has been exhibited in New York City, San Diego, Boston, and venues in the Midwest including The Neville Public Museum, The Museum of Wisconsin Art, The John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Dean Jensen gallery, Circa Gallery and Frank Juarez Gallery. He is represented by the Portrait Society Gallery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In addition, Salas has worked as an arts writer for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Urban Milwaukee and Newcity Art in Chicago.

“The arts not only make life more beautiful and enjoyable,” said Governor Tony Evers, “they also strengthen communities and local economies, improve academic performance and nurture creativity within the comprehensive education of our youth, bring people together across divides, and appeal to visitors outside the state.”

“We welcome Mr. Salas to the Arts Board and look forward to working with him,” said George Tzougros, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Arts Board. “Mr. Salas joins a strong board of directors and staff team, and as an artist and educator, he brings important experience and insights to our work.”

The Wisconsin Arts Board is governed by a fifteen-member board appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms. Board members are Wisconsin citizens recognized for their accomplishments in the arts, humanities, business, education or public service. The board includes