

NATIONAL CALL FOR CANDIDATES

President, Kentucky Derby Museum (Louisville, Kentucky)

The CEO/President of the Kentucky Derby Museum (KDM) reports to the Board of Directors and has strategic and operational responsibilities for staff, programs, oversight of \$5.7 million budget and \$16 million endowment, and execution of the vision, mission and core values of KDM. The Kentucky Derby Museum, which sits on the front steps of historic Churchill Downs, is a very visible part of our community as one of Louisville's premiere attractions and welcomes over 200,000 guests annually. In addition to preserving the history of the Kentucky Derby, KDM offers a free children's program to all public and parochial schools within the states of Indiana and Kentucky, as well as the Backside Learning Center serving families of the Downs' backside workers. Louisville, Kentucky has a metropolitan area population of 1.2 million within a region that includes the Ohio River and Southern Indiana to the north and rolling bluegrass farms to the south and to the east.

The next President will be responsible for these essential duties and responsibilities:

- Develop and maintain excellent working relationship with KDM's key business partner, Churchill Downs Race Track and represent KDM to the public at large and interface directly with community leaders for fund raising and other KDM activities, including participation in professional, charitable and civic activities regionally and nationally.
- Establish and maintain good working relationships with partner cultural and arts organizations, including the local Convention and Visitors Bureau to further the goals of the organization
- Formulate, with Board input and approval, the long-range strategic plans and annual business plan/budgets for the Museum and assure that all programs are consistent with the mission, vision and values of the KDM
- Develop, coach and lead a strong senior management team that has the technical and personal abilities to lead staff in: administration, finance, curatorial, exhibits, education, marketing and development, sales, retail and physical plant resources. Also, the CEO will successfully complete the annual and long range business and strategic plans of the KDM, promote effective teamwork between the various KDM departments and with Churchill Downs, develop staff for an effective succession plan within KDM, and ensure that all programs and staff adhere to professional and ethical standards as outlined by the American Alliance of Museums.

Qualifications: Successful candidates will have ten years of directly relevant experience, completed a bachelor's degree; advanced education and/or relevant professional certification are desirable. Within the organization, this individual must lead by example and have superb management skills, including the ability to engage and inspire staff at all levels.

Resumes will be reviewed until such time as the Search Committee determines satisfactory finalists are found. **PLEASE CONTACT our Search Counsel by mail or email only:**

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