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## **GETTY APPOINTS D. BRIAN HOUCK MANAGER OF GROUNDS AND GARDENS**

**Formerly of Lincoln Park Zoo, Houck will oversee Getty Center and Villa grounds**



LOS ANGELES – The J. Paul Getty Trust has appointed D. Brian Houck Manager of Grounds and Gardens. Mr. Houck will oversee the extensive and internationally renowned grounds at both the Getty Center and Getty Villa.

Mr. Houck comes to the Getty from Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, where he was Director of Horticulture, overseeing the development and maintenance of gardens at the zoo. Before moving to Chicago, he was the Botanic Garden Manager and provided instructional support at Cal State University Northridge.

He earned his Master's Degree in Non-Profit Management at Spertus College, and his Bachelor's Degree in Ornamental Horticulture at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

"Brian has a strong understanding of Southern California gardens and the use of drought-tolerant materials," said Getty Facilities Director Michael Rogers. "With his background in horticulture and non-profit management he is in a great position to deliver a responsibly managed world-class visitor experience."

Nearly two million people a year visit the sites to enjoy the collections, architecture and gardens at the Getty Center and Villa. The distinctive grounds at each site are integral aspects

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of the visitor experience, helping to recreate the atmosphere of a Roman country home at the Villa, and highlighting the iconic Richard Meier design of the Getty Center. The Getty Center is also home to the Central Garden, a living sculpture by artist Robert Irwin.

"The Getty is a leader in landscape resource conservation and education about the importance of public gardens," said Mr. Houck. "I am proud to continue that tradition of leadership and to deliver an awe-inspiring horticultural experience to visitors in support of the programs at the Getty."

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**The J. Paul Getty Trust** is an international cultural and philanthropic institution devoted to the visual arts that includes the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Getty Research Institute, the Getty Conservation Institute, and the Getty Foundation. The J. Paul Getty Trust and Getty programs serve a varied audience from two locations: the Getty Center in Los Angeles and the Getty Villa in Pacific Palisades.

### **Visiting the Getty Center**

The Getty Center is open Tuesday through Friday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is closed Monday and most major holidays, open on July 4. Admission to the Getty Center is always free. Parking is \$15 per car, but reduced to \$10 after 4 p.m. No reservation is required for parking or general admission. Reservations are required for event seating and groups of 15 or more. Please call (310) 440-7300 (English or Spanish) for reservations and information. The TTY line for callers who are deaf or hearing impaired is (310) 440-7305. The Getty Center is at 1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles, California.

### **Visiting the Getty Villa**

The Getty Villa is open Wednesday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Tuesday and most major holidays, open on July 4. Admission to the Getty Villa is always free. A ticket is required for admission. Tickets can be ordered in advance, or on the day of your visit, at [www.getty.edu/visit](http://www.getty.edu/visit) or at (310) 440-7300. Parking is \$15 per car, but reduced to \$10 after 4 p.m. Groups of 15 or more must make reservations by phone. For more information, call (310) 440-7300 (English or Spanish); (310) 440-7305 (TTY line for the deaf or hearing impaired). The Getty Villa is at 17985 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades, California.

**Same-day parking at both Museum locations (Getty Center and Getty Villa) is available for \$15 through the Getty's Pay Once, Park Twice program.**

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