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**ROGER TORY PETERSON INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW CEO  
Stacey Otte-Demangate Selected to Lead RTPI**

Jamestown, NY – January 20, 2026 – The Roger Tory Peterson Institute (RTPI) announces the hiring of its new CEO, Stacey Otte-Demangate.

As Board Chair, Diane Carlson noted, “The RTPI Board is delighted to welcome Stacey as our new CEO who succeeds Arthur Pearson and will continue to lead the growth of the Institute.”

Since 2010, Stacey served as the Executive Director of the California Nature Art Museum. During her tenure, she led a successful capital campaign to move the museum to Solvang, CA and triple the size of its building. She curated more than 40 exhibitions, including juried competitions celebrating California’s National Parks and Monuments.

With a BA in Anthropology from Arizona State University and an MA from the Cooperstown Graduate Program/ Museum Studies, Stacey also served as Executive Director of the Catalina Island Museum for a decade.

Wilson D. Mudge, Chair of the CEO Search Committee and Chair of the RTPI Foundation said “We are thrilled that our nationwide search led us to Stacey. She has the deep experience in leading nature and art museums that will help us build on the successes of the last five years as we continue to maximize RTPI’s potential.”

The mission of Roger Tory Peterson Institute is to foster an appreciation for Nature through exhibitions of Art that Matters to the Planet. Home to the largest collection of Roger Tory Peterson’s original artwork and related archival materials, RTPI will nurture the next generation of nature artists through exhibitions and artist residencies.

As Stacey says, “I am a lifelong birder with a passion for connecting people to nature through art. I am well acquainted with the role that Roger Tory Peterson played in helping legions of people connect to nature through his artwork and guides. I look forward to being part of the team that stewards Roger’s legacy.”

Stacey and husband, Eric, have relocated to Chautauqua County with their dog and cat, and look forward to getting to know the community.

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