

## Women's Studio Workshop Welcomes New Leadership

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased that Lauren V. Walling has taken the reins as executive director of Women's Studio Workshop. Having served first as a board member and then as deputy to the retiring co-founder and executive director Ann Kalmbach, Lauren brings a knowledgeable and steady presence to this leadership position.

I would also like to announce that Erin Zona has joined us as the new artistic director of WSW, bringing to us a wonderful blend of experience. With Lauren's accession, and the addition of Erin Zona to our staff, the Board anticipates a smooth transition. We are extremely grateful to the co-founders Ann Kalmbach and Tana Kellner for their active participation in and support of this leadership succession. The new leadership team has our full confidence and will assure that the Workshop maintains its core mission of supporting artists and their work at this important time."

Jennifer T. Naylor, President, Board of Directors



### **Lauren V. Walling Rises to Executive Director**

Lauren V. Walling is an artist and spent 15 years as an art educator before joining the staff of WSW in 2014. She earned a MA in Art Education at the Teachers College, Columbia University, a MAR in Religious Studies and Art History at Yale Divinity School, and a BA at Wells College.

Lauren has spent the past three years working with the founders preparing for this executive succession. Together they crafted a strategic plan ensuring the growth and success of all aspects of WSW's programs and institutional health.

*"Lauren and I have been working together for the last three years and she understands the depth of relationships across our many disparate communities," says co-founder Ann Kalmbach. "Getting to know Lauren as we have worked together, reviewing the details of an essentially grassroots organization, I am confident she will grow WSW into a vibrant maturity."*



### **Erin Zona Joins as Artistic Director**

Since receiving her MFA in Printmaking from the Rhode Island school of Design in 2009, Erin Zona has focused on developing her studio work and her role as an educator. In 2014, she founded the education-based community print shop The Zz School in Kansas City, Missouri. From this experience, Erin learned that she's at her best when in the position to problem solve and collaborate in the studio, lifting up artists and empowering bold work.

"I am honored to be Artistic Director," Erin says, "and will take on the position with reverence for the history of WSW and a strong vision for the future."

*"WSW could not have found a more perfect match for Artistic Director than Erin," says Ann. "She shares our belief in the full community's capacity to appreciate the work of contemporary women artists. Over the next year you will see her artistic and programmatic vision evolve in full concert with WSW's essential mission of helping women artists become integral to the cultural mainstream and permanently recorded in history."*