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Anna-Maria Wiljanen has been appointed Museum Director of the Didrichsen Art Museum as of 1.10.2025

The Board of the Didrichsen Art Foundation has appointed Anna-Maria Wiljanen, PhD, M.Sc., as Museum Director of the Didrichsen Art Museum, effective October 1, 2025. The current Museum Director Maria Didrichsen is set to retire in late autumn 2025 and will assume the role of Chair of the Board of the Didrichsen Art Foundation on January 1, 2026. Wiljanen will be the fourth Director of the Didrichsen Art Museum and the first to come from outside the founding family.

Anna-Maria Wiljanen aims to focus on continuing the legacy set by the museum's founders, collection research, and international profile. Wiljanen has extensive and international experience in the museum and cultural sector. She served as Director of the Finnish Institute in Japan in Tokyo 2018–2024 and as President of the EUNIC network of National Cultural Institutes in Japan 2019–2020. She has previously worked as Operations Manager of the UPM-Kymmene Cultural Foundation and as Communications Manager and Producer at the National Gallery (formerly the Finnish State Art Museum). Additionally, she has held leadership positions in the business sector. Wiljanen is well acquainted with the Didrichsen Art Museum, serving as Chair of the Art Foundation's Board since 2016.

Anna-Maria Wiljanen earned her PhD in Art History from the University of Helsinki in 2014. She also holds a master's degree in Social Sciences from Åbo Akademi University, majoring in Economics. She has an extensive network and holds various national and international positions of trust.

"It is a great honour to continue on the path set by Marie-Louise and Gunnar Didrichsen, who founded the museum 60 years ago, and to bring cultural experiences to everyone. The museum's outstanding collection and professional staff provide the best possible foundation for creating new cross-disciplinary exhibitions and collection research. I want to focus on enhancing the digital accessibility of the museum's content, strengthening collection research, and further internationalizing its activities... and to be always available for our staff and for our audiences. See you in October!" greets Anna-Maria Wiljanen.

Requests for interviews

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Opening hours

8.2.2025–1.6.2025
Tue–Sun 10–18
Mon closed

Tickets

16 / 14 / 10 €
Free admission for children under 18
Museum Card
Free admission to the Sculpture Park

Guided tours

8.2.2025–1.6.2025
In Finnish Sat and Sun 1pm and 3pm, Wed 3pm.
In Swedish Sun at 12 noon
In English every first Saturday of the month at 12 noon.

Exhibitions

8.2.–1.6.2025 *On the World's Shore – Reidar Särestöniemi 100 years*
12.6.2025–28.9.2025 *The Didrichsen Art Museum 60 years*
17.10.2025–25.1.2026 *Pro Arte – Antrei Hartikainen*