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**Jill Medvedow, Director of the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, Receives
The Boston Club's
2022 Women in Business Racial Equity Ally Award**

Boston, MA, November 15, 2022 – The Boston Club is pleased to announce that Jill Medvedow, the Ellen Matilda Poss Director of the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, is the recipient of the 2022 Women in Business Racial Equity Ally Award. Medvedow accepted her award at the Boston Club's annual Corporate Salute on November 15th.

The Women in Business Racial Equity Ally Award allows The Boston Club to annually recognize a leader in the business community who demonstrates a commitment to the development of all women and people of color through access to jobs, mentorship, and community support.

"I am so pleased that The Boston Club recognizes racial equity as a core component of their mission. My work at the ICA, in collaboration with program partners, artists, staff, and boards, has long focused on a radical welcome, representation, and visibility for women artists and artists of color. This award shines a light on our collective work." said Medvedow.

Under Medvedow's leadership, the ICA has grown its audience and impact and transformed into a collecting museum housed in a stunning new facility with a commitment to diversity and expanding the narratives of art history—the majority of artists in the museum's collection identify as women and/or artists of color. The ICA now welcomes over a quarter-million visitors annually.

During Medvedow's tenure, the ICA created a national model for teen arts education, which was recognized with a National Arts and Humanities Youth Program award from the White House. Medvedow also spearheaded a national effort for paid internships in American art museums.

In 2018, Medvedow opened the [ICA Watershed](#) in East Boston, transforming a condemned former copper pipe facility into a flexible industrial space for immersive works of art and community events which are free to the public. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Watershed transformed into a distribution site for fresh food and art kits for East Boston families. In partnership with community-based health, housing, and social service organizations in East Boston; over 50,000 people were served.



Most recently, the ICA was awarded the commission for the U.S. Pavilion at the prestigious Biennale Arte 2022 in Venice, Italy, by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, presenting the work of [Simone Leigh](#).

Medvedow serves on the Boston Public School Arts Advisory Board, the Boston After School and Beyond Board, and is a member of the Association of Art Museum Directors. She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2022.

The Boston Club's President, Lisa Prior said, *"We are pleased that the 2022 Women in Business Racial Equity Ally Award goes to such an impactful leader, one who has created new paradigms in the Boston arts and culture community. As stated in her Academy of Arts & Sciences profile, Jill Medvedow's 'advocacy transformed the museum with a new building on a public waterfront site, award-winning teen programs, groundbreaking exhibitions of social relevance, a seasonal site in East Boston, and an exponential increase in visitors and public engagement.'* She is so deserving of our 2022 Ally Award."

About The Boston Club

The Boston Club is a community of women business and professional leaders dedicated to promoting the advancement of women into significant and visible leadership roles. We provide an inclusive peer community, resources, inspiration, and connections to members, as well as specific and purposeful programming and activism that encompasses multiple dimensions of diversity for women across Massachusetts and beyond. We measure the progress of women in corporations, place women on corporate and nonprofit boards, and celebrate organizations that elevate women leaders. We engage in public discourse on issues that affect women's advancement today: social justice, racism, pandemic-related career barriers, the wage gap, and more. The annual Census of Women Directors and Executive Officers of Massachusetts Public Companies plays a major role in The Boston Club's Corporate Board Program, focusing attention on the identification and development of a vital pool of diverse female expertise for corporate leadership positions.

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