



THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

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The Textile Museum Board of Trustees Elects President Bruce P. Baganz

February 12, 2004, Washington, DC —The Board of Trustees of The Textile Museum elected Bruce P. Baganz of Houston, Texas as President of the Board at a meeting on January 30, 2004.

Dr. Baganz is President of Security Energy Company of Houston, Texas, an independent oil and gas exploration and production corporation. A graduate of Wilmington Friends School, he received an A.B. from the College of Wooster, and his master's and doctorate degrees in geology from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Baganz has served as a member of the Museum's Board of Trustees since December 2001, and prior to that served as a member of the Museum's Advisory Council. His trustee responsibilities have included service as co-chair of the Development Committee, and as a member of the Budget & Finance and Exhibitions Committees. Dr. Baganz, who is also President of the Textile and Oriental Rug Club of Houston, and his wife Olive have a broad ranging interests in antique rugs, textiles, and embroideries from throughout the Caucasus, Anatolia, Persia and Central Asia.

On accepting his appointment Dr. Baganz said, "I am honored by this opportunity to serve as President of an institution that harbors one of the most important collections of textiles in the world. Public interest in textiles is growing every day, and I look forward to helping The Textile Museum carry out its mission to make this under-appreciated art form known to a broader public. Small independent museums face significant challenges in

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today's world, but I am confident that The Textile Museum, with the help of its hard-working board, a dedicated staff and its many loyal members and supporters, will rise to meet those challenges.”

Dr. Baganz succeeds Dr. David W. Fraser, who resigned from the Board in December 2003. Dr. Fraser served 17 years as a Trustee, seven of those as President. At the January 30 meeting Dr. Fraser, a specialist in weft twining and the textiles of the Chin peoples of Burma, was named as a Research Associate of the Museum.

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Founded in 1925 by George Hewitt Myers, The Textile Museum is an international center for the exhibition, study, collection and preservation of the textile arts with a mission dedicated to furthering the understanding of mankind's creative achievements in the art form. With a collection of more than 17,000 textiles and rugs that date from 3,000 BCE to present, and an unparalleled library, The Textile Museum is a unique resource for people locally, nationally and internationally.

The Museum provides special focus in its collections to textiles of the Near East, Asia, Africa and the indigenous cultures of the Americas. The Museum also presents exhibitions of historical and contemporary quilts, and other contemporary fiber art in its exploration of the role that textiles play in the daily and ceremonial life of individuals the world over.

The Textile Museum is located at 2320 'S' Street, NW in Washington, DC. - Monday - Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm. Admission is free; suggested donation is \$5.00. The Museum's Arthur D. Jenkins Library is open 10 am to 2 pm Wednesday through Friday, and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday. The Museum is closed on Federal holidays and December 24. For further information, call 202-667-0441.