

MASHA TURCHINSKY

Masha Turchinsky is Director and CEO of the Hudson River Museum, where since 2017 she has overseen the largest multidisciplinary cultural institution in Westchester County, New York, with a mission to connect diverse communities through the power of arts, sciences and history. She is guided by the power of museums to be conveners, catalysts, and agents of positive social change. Under Turchinsky's direction, the Hudson River Museum was recognized in 2020 by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation with an Art Museum Futures Fund for "visionary leadership, distinctive collections, and commitment to community, as well as historically overlooked artists and histories."

In 2021, Turchinsky was featured by 914Inc. Magazine as one of the leading Women in Business and by Westchester Magazine as an "Art Leader for a New Age" for innovations that have increased community participation and new partnerships, combined with growing national attendance—a record 42 states in the year leading up to the pandemic. She is currently overseeing the construction of the Museum's new West Wing, a \$12.3M and 12,000 square foot capital expansion and improvement project, which will unveil world-class exhibition spaces, a community and partnership gallery, and much needed collection storage in early 2023. The strategic endeavor will enable the HRM to more inclusively and equitably reimagine, share, and grow its representation of American art from the mid-19th century to present day, while empowering the public to serve as co-creators.

Previously, Turchinsky worked for nineteen years at the Metropolitan Museum of Art including as Senior Producer and Delegate to the Board of Trustees. Her work has been recognized with top honors from the American Alliance of Museums, the Webby Awards, and the Parent Choice Awards. She has consulted for the Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza (Madrid, Spain), the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (New York), and the New York Botanical Garden and has lectured internationally on museums and public participation. Masha currently serves on ArtTable's national Board of Directors, advancing the leadership of women in the arts, and is an elected member of the Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) in North America. Turchinsky holds an Ed.M. in International Educational Development from Teachers College, Columbia University, an MA. from New York University, and a BS from Georgetown University. Turchinsky began her professional career as a translator in Madrid, Spain. She and her family reside in Yonkers.