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SHAKER VILLAGE APPOINTS BILLY RANKIN AS INTERIM PRESIDENT AND CEO

HARRODSBURG, KY, (October 28, 2024) – Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is pleased to announce that Billy Rankin has been appointed by the Board of Trustees' as the interim President and CEO of the historic nonprofit organization. An experienced nonprofit leader, Rankin succeeds Bob Gigliotti who is retiring at the beginning of November after eight years of service to the Village.

Rankin has held several leadership roles at Shaker Village since he joined the organization in 2015, most recently as Vice President of Public Programming and Marketing. He has an extensive background working for nonprofit organizations with more than 20 years of experience in property management, educational programming, fundraising and strategic planning. During his tenure at Shaker Village he created a popular Explorer Summer Camp, reimaged programming and educational exhibitions, conceptualized the long-range plan for the Village and acted as the organization's spokesperson.

According to Rankin, "Shaker Village is one of the country's most significant historic properties, and one of Kentucky's most unique destinations. I am honored to follow in the footsteps of so many dedicated and talented leaders, and look forward to sharing the history and hospitality of Pleasant Hill with guests for many years to come."

Before coming home to Kentucky in 2015, Rankin managed historic camps and conference centers for the YMCA of the USA. His career began with the Chicago YMCA as Director of Camping and Group Services, and then for the Capital District YMCA in Albany, as Associate Executive Director.

Since arriving to Shaker Village, Rankin has been active in the local Harrodsburg community through service on the board of the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, as past Chair of Harrodsburg 250th Inc., past Chair of the Mercer County Extension Council and as a member of the Harrodsburg Kiwanis Club.

"Billy is uniquely qualified to take on this role as he has been leading teams and important initiatives for Shaker Village since he came on board in 2015," said Ann Bakhaus, Chair of the Shaker Village Board of Trustees. "He is a proven leader, and his strategic development skills will help us strengthen partnerships and expand sales, services and donations. The board looks forward to supporting him as he moves the Village ahead."

Originally hailing from Henry County, Kentucky, Rankin received degrees in History and Political Science from the University of Louisville. He currently resides in Danville with his wife Sarah and son Johnny. He is a proud Kentucky Colonel, and enjoys exploring trails, waterways and historic sites across the state during his free time.

ABOUT SHAKER VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is a landmark destination that shares 3,000 acres of discovery in the spirit of the Kentucky Shakers. With 34 original Shaker structures, the site is home to the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings and is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky. Onsite services at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill include overnight accommodations, dining, catering services, three craft shops, educational exhibitions, a farm and garden area and 1,000 acres of restored native prairie. For more information, please visit shakervillageky.org.

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