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SHAKER VILLAGE APPOINTS BILLY RANKIN AS PRESIDENT AND CEO

HARRODSBURG, KY, (February 19, 2025) – Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is pleased to announce that Billy Rankin has been appointed by the Board of Trustees' as the President and CEO of the historic nonprofit organization. An experienced nonprofit leader, Rankin served as Interim President and CEO for three months after previous President and CEO Bob Gigliotti retired at the beginning of November 2024.

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, New York, 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.

"It was apparent to our Board members that Billy's vision for the future, trust from the staff and operational skills are exactly what is needed to lead us into the future," said Ann Bakhaus, Chair of the Shaker Village Board of Trustees. "In three short months since being named our Interim President and CEO he has formed new partnerships, implemented cost-saving measures, reorganized staffing structures and laid out a strategic plan that will take Shaker Village to the next level. The Board is excited and proud to have him steering the ship."

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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