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### **ABASEH MIRVALI NAMED MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SANTA BARBARA'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF CURATOR**

The Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara (MCASB) in California has appointed independent curator [Abaseh Mirvali](#) executive director and chief curator. She is taking over the helm of the institution ahead of its expansion to the city's Funk Zone district. Mirvali succeeds [Miki Garcia](#), who departed from the

MCASB in December of last year to head the Arizona State University Art Museum in Tempe.

Previously, Mirvali served as the executive director of the Colección Jumex and the Fundación Jumex Arte Contemporáneo in Mexico City from 2005 to 2008 and as the CEO and executive director of the Biennial of the Americas in Denver for its 2013 edition. She also was the senior adviser to the US Ambassador for Culture and Education, where she worked with the Embassy of the United States in Mexico City to create arts and educational programming.

Commenting on her new role, Mirvali said: "I am tremendously excited to be joining Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara at this incredible moment in the Museum's trajectory. I have met an incredibly special group of people with an immense commitment to this museum and their community. It is an honor that, in me, they see the right partner to realize a shared vision for the future of MCASB."

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