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Art Gallery of South Australia welcomes new Director

Chairman of the Art Gallery of South Australia, **Michael Abbott QC** today welcomed the appointment of **Christopher Menz** as the Gallery's new Director.

"The Board regarded Christopher Menz as an outstanding choice, particularly as he had previously held the position of Curator of European & Australian Decorative Arts (1989-2001) and so is extremely knowledgeable about the Gallery and its collection" said Mr Abbott. "He is a distinguished scholar who is noted for his groundbreaking publications and exhibitions including the Art Gallery of South Australia's hugely successful *Morris & Co.* exhibition which will tour nationally in 2005" he said. "Christopher has already made a substantial contribution to the Gallery and we look forward to a new era under his directorship" he added.

Christopher Menz said: "I am delighted to be returning to Adelaide and to the renowned Art Gallery of South Australia. I very much look forward to developing, with my colleagues, this outstanding collection and to presenting a range of exciting and innovative exhibitions and programs for all South Australians."

Mr Menz is currently Senior Curator Decorative Arts (International) at the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. He will return to Adelaide to assume his position as Director in February 2005.

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