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Central Arts Alliance Announces Departure of Director

PHOENIX, Ariz. – (June 12, 2019) Central Arts Alliance, known by most as Phoenix Center for the Arts, and its Board of Directors, announce the departure of longtime Director, Joseph Benesh. Benesh was recently tapped to lead a statewide organization. Benesh states, “It is with a myriad of emotions that I make this change. CAA is my home and I feel I have grown with the organization, the programs, and the people it serves. I will miss working with the staff and artists who have become part of my family.”

Central Arts Alliance Board Chair, Jamie Halavais, remarked “The board would like to thank Joseph for his years of dedicated service to Phoenix Center for the Arts and Central Arts Alliance. Over the past eight years, Joseph has expanded the capacity of this organization tremendously, and made a meaningful impact on the community it serves. Under his tenure Central Arts Alliance created the Mayor’s Arts Awards, Art Mobile, and Thunderbird Arts Center. In the past year, Central Arts Alliance has served over 3,300 students at its two campuses, and another 35,000 through engagement programming and community events. We wish Joseph all the best in his future endeavor.”

The Central Arts Alliance Board of Directors is considering candidates for its top leadership position and will be making a decision soon.

About Central Arts Alliance & Phoenix Center for the Arts

Central Arts Alliance is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, providing arts and culture opportunities for all through education, programming, and advocacy. Phoenix Center for the Arts is a Central Arts Alliance facility located adjacent to Hance Park, at 1202 N Third Street in Downtown Phoenix. Phoenix Center for the Arts is proud to be a facility of and supported by the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. Phoenix Center for the Arts is supported in part by an award from the Arizona Commission on the Arts, an agency of the State of Arizona. Partial funding provided by the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture through appropriations from the Phoenix City Council.

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