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UNITED ARTS WELCOMES NEW GRANTS PROGRAM OFFICER

ORLANDO, Fla. — September 15, 2021 —United Arts of Central Florida is pleased to welcome Elyse Jardine as the new grants program officer. This role was previously titled manager of grants and arts education.

“I am proud to say that the future of United Arts is even brighter with Elyse joining our team,” said Jennifer Evins, president & CEO of United Arts. “We are so lucky to have found someone who is passionate about the arts, extremely qualified, and has committed her career to seeing the arts flourish.”

Elyse brings more than 5 years of experience in grant writing and grant management. She is committed to the development of vibrant and inclusive communities. Her professional history includes working as a project manager for the Institute for Public Health Innovation & Virginia Tech where she supported community change through a cross-cutting approach by connecting individuals, organizations, and communities to resources and projects to increase health equity. In this role, she also managed grants that they received, as well as those that they gave.

The grants program officer at United Arts is directly responsible for all aspects of United Arts’ grant portfolio, including Operating Support, Project Grants, Facility grants, and Diversity in the Arts grants that award, on average, \$2.9 million annually to approximately 60 nonprofit arts, science and history organizations in the Central Florida region.

About United Arts of Central Florida

United Arts is a collaboration of individuals, businesses, governments and school districts, foundations, arts and cultural organizations, and artists. Its mission is to enrich communities by investing in arts, science and history. United Arts serves residents and visitors in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties through the more than 75 local arts, science and history organizations it supports. It does this by providing direct support through grants and contracts for services, collaborative fundraising, arts education opportunities, advocacy, and technical and administrative assistance. Since 1989, United Arts has invested more than \$170 million in Central Florida’s arts and culture.

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