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ALYONA USHE
Appointed Executive Director,
Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs

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May 1, 2023, Bonita Springs, FL— After an extensive executive search process, led by a team of experts from Arts Consulting Group and a committee of our Board members, the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs are pleased to announce that Alyona Ushe has been selected as the new Executive Director, beginning May 15, 2023.

"We are thrilled Alyona will be joining us to lead the Centers for the Arts in our commitment to enrich the lives of the community by providing opportunities for artistic expression, education, and appreciation for all. Alyona shares our commitment and passion for the arts and brings exceptional leadership experience to our organization. The future is bright!" —*Fred Weinman, Board Chairman*

With significant consideration given to the experiences and expertise needed to successfully guide the Centers in the next phase of growth, the Board of Directors has selected Alyona Ushe to serve in this important leadership role. Alyona began her career by founding Classika-Synetic Theater in the Washington DC Metro area. In South Florida, as President and CEO of Creative City Collaborative, she grew the organizational budget to over $4 million, founded the critically acclaimed Arts Garage in Delray Beach, won a highly competitive bid in Pompano Beach to revitalize, program, and operate a 3,000-seat dormant amphitheater and to open a new $20 million Cultural Center. In addition, she was the Executive Director of the New Orleans Opera Association and St. Lucie Cultural Alliance.

"I am honored to join an organization with such a magnitude of diverse programming, a visionary Board of Directors, and talented staff, as we usher in the Centers for the Arts' next chapter of growth and development." —*Alyona Ushe*

Arts Consulting Group, the leading full-service firm for the arts and culture industry, guided a national executive search process in partnership with the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs for the key selection of Executive Director.

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ABOUT THE CENTERS FOR THE ARTS BONITA SPRINGS:
Founded in 1959, the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs (CFABS) is committed to enriching the lives of the community by providing opportunities for artistic expression, education, and appreciation. **CFABS has two campus locations dedicated to the visual or performing arts.**

The Visual Arts Center, 26100 Old 41 Road, is a 10-acre, four-building campus, which consists of multiple fine art galleries, fully equipped art studios, a gift shop, beautiful sculpture garden, and nature preserve. A variety of classes are offered at this center including painting, drawing, clay, sculpture, glass, mixed media, and more. This center offers an ever-changing lineup of unique art exhibitions and other special events.

The Performing Arts Center, 10150 Bonita Beach Road, is a 4-acre, two-building campus, which is home to the 400-seat Hinman Auditorium and Gallery-in-the-Round; the 200-seat Moe Auditorium & Film Center/Dance Studio; and fully equipped art studios. At this diverse center, patrons can enjoy an ongoing array of live concerts, theatre, comedy, film, lectures, youth and adult dance classes, music lessons, and art classes for all ages.

ARTS FOR ALL—Seeking to serve the educational and cultural needs of the diverse community, CFABS offers year-round programming, plus, three top-rated Art Festivals in January, February, and March which draw hundreds of remarkable artists from around the world to historic Downtown Bonita Springs, Florida.

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