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Sangre de Cristo Arts Center Announces Interim CEO

(Pueblo, Colorado) - The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center has named Andy Sanchez as Interim CEO following the resignation of Jim Richerson. Sanchez holds a Bachelors in art from CSU-Pueblo and went to earn his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder with post graduate business study at CSU-Pueblo and business scaling certification from LBN at Stanford University.

"The Board of Trustees is pleased that Andy enthusiastically accepted the appointment of Interim CEO as we launch a national search for the Arts Center's next CEO", stated Rosina Sonntag, President of the Board of Trustees. "We are grateful for Jim Richerson's 8-year tenure at the Arts Center. During that time Jim led the successful accreditation of the Arts Center through the American Alliance of Museums, as well as elevating the Arts Center's exhibit profile to include master artists including Picasso, Chagall, and Ansel Adams among many others. We wish Jim well in his future endeavors." Richerson will not be retained as a consultant.

"Great opportunities for community engagement are ahead of us all at the Arts Center. It is an honor to serve this great organization during this period of transition and I'm looking forward to this exciting 50th anniversary year that is ahead of us including our summer blockbuster exhibit – "Leonardo da Vinci – Machines and Robotics. We invite everyone to visit our campus and experience all we have to offer."

Sanchez will assume responsibility of the day to day operations of the Arts Center February 28, 2022.

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About the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center:

The cultural hub of Southern Colorado, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center gives visitors the tools to think and act creatively through a three building complex including seven galleries offering the best in historic and contemporary art by artists of local, regional and national renown. In addition the Arts Center offers the Buell Children's Museum, recognized as the second-best for art by Child magazine, a 500-seat theater featuring a variety of performing arts programs, both local and national, and two gift shops. Over 100 fine arts, dance and leisure classes are available every quarter providing something unique to everyone from children to adults of all skill levels.

Admission to the Arts Center is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children and military. Admission includes the Buell Children's Museum. Members of the Arts Center receive free admission. Galleries and Buell Children's Museum are open Tuesday- Saturday, 10a.m. - 4p.m. For more information, please call 719-295-7200; stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98b, or visit online at www.sdc-arts.org.

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