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ArtsKC Announces Susan Stanton as Interim CEO & President

Kansas City, MO (July 16, 2015) – Becky Blades, chair of the Board of Directors for ArtsKC, today announced the appointment of Susan Stanton as interim president and CEO. Stanton, who will begin her appointment today, Thursday, July 16th, will oversee the day- to-day operations of ArtsKC. This appointment follows the resignation of Harlan Brownlee, who left ArtsKC in order to commit himself more fully to arts education. Blades said the Board of Directors is in the process of naming a Search Committee to be supported by Stanton to begin a national search for Brownlee’s successor to ensure a smooth transition.

Blades stated, “Susan Stanton is a results-driven executive and a passionate champion of the arts. She is the perfect person to lead ArtsKC through this time of transition and acceleration.”

Stanton is highly regarded as a non-profit interim leader, having just finished a highly successful interim engagement at Operation Breakthrough, as well as having served as interim leader at KCPT and United Way. She has served in senior executive positions with Payless Cashways and H&R Block and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Loose Foundation and the Francis Family Foundation. Her community service includes a long list of nonprofit board engagements, including more than a decade of service to Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey. A lifetime lover of dance, Stanton was a dancer with Westport Ballet.

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