Welcome, Sarah! We're thrilled to announce and introduce our new Executive Director, Sarah R. Brown.

Sarah R. Brown joins Inclusive Arts Vermont as the new Executive Director, bringing dynamic experience in nonprofit management and a deep commitment to social and disability justice.

On May 15, Sarah R. Brown began her role as the new Executive Director of Inclusive Arts Vermont. Katie Miller, former IAV Executive Director, brings her talents and passions to Vermont Public as the Director of Membership. Katie's leadership guided Inclusive Arts Vermont through a renaming and rebranding, and then through three years of pandemic uncertainty. Sarah R. Brown joins the team with powerful management and fundraising skills paired with a vibrant enthusiasm for the organizational mission and values.

Sarah is an experienced and passionate nonprofit leader with an extensive background leading and scaling operations, programs, teams, budgets, communications, and fundraising. Over the past several decades, she has strategically bolstered the capacity, processes, and innovation of a wide range of organizations across the U.S., including Faith Communities Today, Hartford Institute for Religion Research, Vermont Ethics Network, Fair Labor Association, VNAs of Vermont, Center for Congregations, and numerous others.



Sarah holds a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Illinois at Chicago, a Certificate in Executive Leadership from Babson College, a Certificate in Leadership and

Communication from Harvard University, and will soon be receiving her MSc in Business and Management from Northumbria University.

She has a deep passion for the arts, intersectional justice and anti-oppression work, with past experience as a Gallery Director, Co-Founder of a racial justice initiative, undergraduate studies in art history and arts management, and widespread volunteerism that informs her approach to advocacy and systems change.

When asked about her new role, Sarah reflected:

"I am thrilled to be joining the talented and passionate team at Inclusive Arts Vermont and look forward to nurturing and growing the organization's capacity over the months and years to come. It is a sincere honor to be taking the reins of this well-respected organization that has been doing incredible work to enhance opportunities for Vermonters of all abilities to engage with the arts for 37 years. Anti-ableism, intersectional anti-oppression work, and the transformative power of the arts are all areas that I am deeply passionate about, and I am excited to leverage these values to carry out Inclusive Arts Vermont's mission and advance the organization's impactful programs in collaboration with the dynamic staff and Board."

Abbey, Board Chair, shared:

"The board of directors could not be more excited for Sarah and the next phase of Inclusive Arts Vermont that her arrival heralds. Her decades of non-profit management experience, combined with her commitment to anti-ableism and anti-oppression work stood out during our Executive Director search process. Sarah is a deeply committed, empathetic person; she's the perfect leader to support our team in making art more accessible across Vermont."

Thank you for welcoming Sarah, and for being part of our community.

Abbey & Kat

Abbey Pratt, President of the Board of Directors & Kat Redniss, Director of Communications and Development

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