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ALLENS LANE ART CENTER ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

*The Center bids farewell to outgoing
Executive Director Vita Litvak,
welcomes Michael Williamson as
Interim Executive Director*

Allens Lane Art Center, an arts and cultural hub for creativity, arts education, and community engagement in West Mt. Airy, announces a leadership transition. After three years as Executive Director, Vita Litvak will be stepping down to begin a new chapter out of state.



Vita Litvak,
Departing Executive Director



Michael Williamson,
Interim Executive Director

During her three-year tenure, Litvak has guided Allens Lane through a period of significant growth and innovation, strengthening programs, expanding community partnerships, and reaffirming the Center's commitment to making the arts accessible to all. The Board of Directors expresses deep gratitude for her tireless dedication and visionary leadership.

"Thank you for the honor and opportunity to serve our great neighborhood in Northwest Philly," said **Vita Litvak, departing Executive Director at the Center**. "As I begin a new chapter, my heart is full of gratitude for your trust and for all this community has taught me. I look forward to seeing the continued magic and shared spirit of this essential cultural beacon in the years to come."

To ensure a smooth and thoughtful transition, Michael Williamson will serve as Interim Executive Director. Williamson brings decades of experience as an educator and arts leader, including a long tenure at Germantown Friends School, where he taught art and art history and held numerous leadership roles. Williams also has deep roots in the community, a Mt. Airy native who attended Allens Lane programs as a young student.

"I am thrilled to join Allens Lane as Interim Executive Director and to support the staff, artists, educators, and students who make this community so vibrant," said **Michael Williamson, Interim Executive Director at the Center**. "Allens Lane has been a cornerstone of creativity and connection in Mt. Airy for many decades, and I am excited to help continue its legacy while learning from and working alongside this remarkable team."

"Building on Vita's incredible work over the past three years and Allens Lane's 72-year legacy, Michael brings a wealth of experience, steady leadership, and a passion for the arts, making him an ideal guide for the Center during this transition," said **Susan Matyas, Board President of Allens Lane Art Center**. "We are confident that under his leadership, our programs and mission will continue to thrive."

For over 70 years, Allens Lane Art Center has been a home for creativity, learning, and connection within Mt. Airy and across the region, offering programs, exhibitions, performing arts, summer camp, and educational programs to community members of all ages. The Board and staff look forward to celebrating Vita's many contributions and welcoming Michael in his new role. Vita Litvak's last day is November 24th, and Michael Williamson will begin supporting the Center's operations this week. The Center's search for a permanent Executive Director will begin in the new year.

For more information about Allens Lane Art Center, programs, or upcoming events, please visit allenslane.org.