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## **Davis Arts Center Executive Director to Depart After Nearly a Decade with the Organization**

### *Recruitment Begins for Successor to Lead Community-driven Nonprofit*

DAVIS, Calif.—Stacie Frerichs, who has led Davis Arts Center as Executive Director through several formative years for the organization, has shared her plans to depart her role at the end of January for a new professional opportunity.

“Through the unique challenges and opportunities of the past several years, Stacie proved to be an adept navigator who kept Davis Arts Center on a steady course,” said Hilary Creger, chairwoman of Davis Arts Center Board of Directors. “We’ll miss her contributions immensely, but also appreciate that she leaves us with such a strong foundation for the future.”

Frerichs first joined Davis Arts Center nearly nine years ago, bringing a rare combination of business and arts experience to the role. Her background in financial modeling guided Davis Arts Center through several shifts in its business model. She brought her love of lifelong learning to creating a culture of innovation and growth mindset to all of Davis Arts Center’s programs.

Since that time, she has guided the Arts Center through the COVID-19 pandemic, which temporarily shut down all in-person classes and events. She found new ways to bring the arts to the region’s youth, including developing curriculum and providing elementary school teachers with the training and supplies to incorporate visual arts into their classrooms and expanding the center’s popular summer camps. Recognizing the value of the arts in supporting mental health, she helped make sure that class content was delivered through a lens informed by social and emotional learning.

“It’s been a privilege to help lead an organization like Davis Arts Center, which has always been a place where community and the arts come together,” Frerichs said. “But I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished and, more importantly, I know I leave it in good hands—with an engaged Board of Directors, a supportive community, and a strong and dedicated staff.”

Recruitment of Frerichs’ successor begins immediately, and the Board of Directors will appoint an Interim Executive Director while the search progresses. Interested parties can view the job posting and application process on Davis Arts Center’s website, [www.davisartscenter.org](http://www.davisartscenter.org).

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